



THE OO GOLFER

Old Oundelian Golfing Society News

OOGS Newsletter

This is the Summer 2023 Edition of the OOGS Newsletter: hope you enjoy reading it. Attached with this mailing is a Booking Form for the Annual Weekend – September 29th & 30th. Send your application in by September 1st!

OOGS Clothing

A reminder that the range of OOGS Glenmuir clothing can be ordered direct: click [here](#)

Fixture List 2023

The OOGS Fixture List Update is attached with this mailing.

OO Sport website

OOGS is featured on the OO Sport website: click [here](#)

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Oundle Team Wins The Mellin!



Win over Shrewsbury in the Final, brings first Mellin success since 2013.

Plus: Nick Owles (right in picture below) wins the Bunny Millard for the 3rd year running! This time with a new partner – Patrick Fossett (left)



See full article and results from 'The Mellin' inside



The GL Mellin Salver; Peter Burles and Bunny Millard Trophies

West Hill GC

June 28th – 30th

Report by Peter Pentecost, (St. A '73)

OOGS, as Oundle, competes in these three tournaments, which are respectively for the over 55s, over 65s and over 75s, for the second 16 schools taking part in the Halford Hewitt tournament and takes place at West Hill Golf Club, Brookwood, Surrey at the very end of June each year. The formats are:

- **G.L. Mellin (over 55s):** 6 a side scratch foursomes (white tees).
- **Peter Burles (over 65s):** 4 a side scratch foursomes (yellow tees).
- **Bunny Millard (over 75s):** Stableford pairs scratch foursomes then scratch foursomes match play for top 4 qualifiers (red tees).

Oundle have had a lean period in the Mellin and the Burles over the last few years, but **Robert Barrell** (St A '61) and **Nick Owles** (N '63) have won the Bunny Millard for the last 2 years. Unsurprisingly, they won the qualifier this year, with a gross 32 stableford points; we also had a second pair in the qualifier - **Patrick Fossett** (B '65) and **Nigel Hetherington** (F '65) and whilst they came 4th, so technically qualified for the semi final, the rules of the competition state that only one pair from a school can go through and, as Barrell and Owles had topped the leader board, they were the selected pair to go through.



Nick Owles collecting the trophy from the West Hill Captain, for the best gross stableford score, 32, with Robert Barrell (abs)

Unfortunately, Robert jarred his hand during the round so had to withdraw, but Patrick stepped up and filled the vacated slot. They were drawn against Forest, who they despatched on the Thursday afternoon, so then joined battle with Sherborne on the Friday. The Oundle v Sherborne final has been something of a fixture over the last few years and I am pleased to say that Owles & Fosset made it three years in a row. Well done lads!

Semi final:

- Oundle beat Forest

Final:

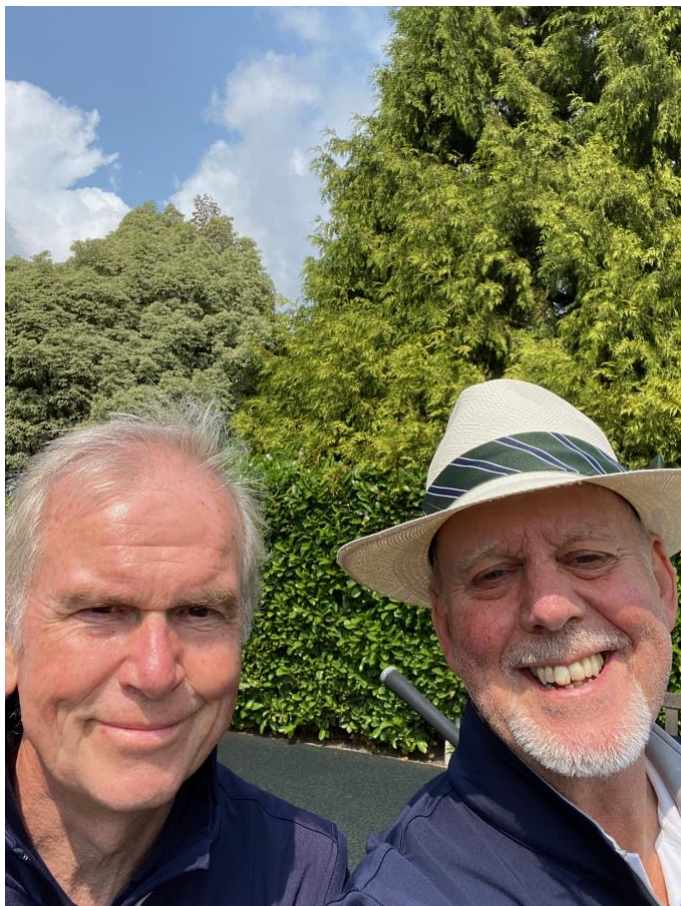
- Oundle beat Sherborne 3&2

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In the Burles, the pairings of **Mike Beamish** (Sc '75) & **Peter Edwards** (Sc '73) and **Nick Copestick** (Ldr '69) & **Duncan Smith** (C '71) took on Bedford on the Wednesday morning. The Burles has some strange rules connected with the fact that a draw at 1-1 is quite a common occurrence, requiring one pair to be selected as the 'play off' pair and the play off starting at the very next hole after a tie has occurred. There was no such requirement for these complex manoeuvres on the Wednesday as both pairs won in the morning and then again against Haileybury in the afternoon (somewhat more convincingly).



Burles Team, above left to right: Peter Edwards, Mike Beamish, Duncan Smith, Nick Copestick

On the following morning against Sherborne, further double success followed and so it was to the inevitable Shrewsbury in the final. Pair 1 unfortunately lost on the 16th, but pair 2 won at the same hole and so it was the previously nominated pairs of Oundle pair 1 against Shrewsbury pair 2 on the 17th, where a great shot by OS Will Painter set up a birdie and the victory for Shrewsbury. A great effort Burles team – so near and yet so far!

Burles Results on next page



Peter Burles 1st Round v Bedford

- Beamish & Edwards Won 2&1
- Copestick & Smith Won 6&5

Peter Burles 2nd Round v Haileybury

- Beamish & Edwards Won 6&5
- Copestick & Smith Won 5&4

Peter Burles 3rd Round v Sherborne

- Beamish & Edwards Won 6&5
- Copestick & Smith Won 3&2

Peter Burles Final v Shrewsbury

- Beamish & Edwards Lost 3&2
- Copestick & Smith Won 3&2
- *Play-off on 17th hole: Oundle lost to Shrewsbury*

In the meantime, the Mellin started on the Thursday morning, with Oundle fielding two Mellin 'virgins'. The pairings were **Steve Carr** (S '84) & **Nick Wilson** (N '74) followed by **Barry Peak** (Sn '82) & **William Rice** (Sn '79) and bringing up the rear **Mark Eddy** (St A '74) and **Peter Pentecost**. First up against Bedford and by the time the third pair were coming up the 18th all square, it was all over in Oundle's favour (so we didn't need the 5 foot birdie putt to win – shucks). Mirroring the Burles, we had Haileybury in the afternoon and this nearly ended in confusion. Trap 3 were going up the last 1 up and with the second match having won, we could not understand why trap 1 was going down the first extra hole, as we thought that 2 halves and a win would be sufficient. However, the rules are that matches are played 'to conclusion' so trap 3 having picked up the balls on the 18th green were relieved to learn that trap 1 had won on the 19th!

So – onto Friday morning against Sherborne – again following the pattern of the Burles. This time there was no confusion and although trap 2 lost, traps 1 and 3 sneaked home, much to Sherborne's shagrin! And so – it just had to be didn't it – the mighty Shrewsbury....again, in the final! Trap 3 overturned an early deficit to run out winners on the 16th and as trap 2 had lost, it was up the 18th for trap 1 with the slenderest of leads, 1 up. Oundle were never making better than 5 which Wilson duly holed for from ~5 feet. Shrewsbury were left with 4'11" to take it down extra holes, but missed and victory went to Oundle!

Mellin results on next page



G.L. Mellin Salver 1st Round v Bedford

- Carr & Wilson Won 2up
- Peak & Rice Won 4&3
- Eddy & Pentecost Halved

G.L. Mellin Salver 2nd Round v Haileybury

- Carr & Wilson Won 19th
- Peak & Rice Won 2&1
- Eddy & Pentecost Halved

G.L. Mellin Salver 3rd Round v Sherborne

- Carr & Wilson Won 18th
- Peak & Rice Lost
- Eddy & Pentecost Won 18th

G.L. Mellin Salver Final v Shrewsbury

- Carr & Wilson Won 18th
- Peak & Rice Lost
- Eddy & Pentecost Won 3&2

We were blessed with lovely weather, an exceptional Chinese evening on the Wednesday in Esher, at which we took the opportunity to present Mark Eddy with a gift (wine) as a thank you for his long stint as OOGS Halford Hewitt Hon Sec – not sure how much wine was left by the end of the evening! We also had a lovely dinner at Worplesdon GC on the Thursday, excellently organised by **Noel Stephens** (St A '59) with the Lorettonians, saddened only by the passing of one of their number, Ross Graham, whose memorial was on the Friday. It was lovely to have the ladies join us for dinner on both evenings.



Peter (standing, second from right) presenting Mark (sitting, right) with his gift.



The GL Mellin Salver; Peter Burles and Bunny Millard Trophies (cont.)

Oundle supporters are many and varied, but they provide much appreciated encouragement and we are extremely grateful to them all – **Shane Dodd** (Sn '74), **David Aston** (St A '55), **James Aston** (St A '92), who also caddied, **Peter Fox Andrews** (N '64) and the effervescent Mad Swede, **Fred Domellof** (F '76). Our new boys did extremely well, Mark Eddy being undefeated and Wiliam Rice scoring 2 out of 4. It was a very successful campaign, and the Burles team were unfortunate to come up a Shrewsbury pairing who played one hole exceptionally well. Players came from all over the country including Kinross-shire, the Midlands, the North West and East Anglia as well as some closer at hand; all performed with great distinction and a number were unbeaten all week. We had a tremendous few days in deepest Surrey and my sincere thanks to you all. Next year ...one better ...the Triple!



Winning Mellin Team, left to right: William Rice, Barry Peak, Steve Carr, Nick Wilson, Mark Eddy, Peter Pentecost (Captain)



OOGS at The Public Schools Midland Meeting

Little Aston GC June 21st, 2023

This enjoyable annual event was exhilaratingly organised for OOGS by **Shane Dodd**, who recruited a couple of new members, **Steve Royle** (G '77) and **William Rice** for their first taste of Little Aston.

After breakfast and the obligatory Bloody Mary, the morning foursomes saw Oundle achieving our best scores for a few years: **Shane Dodd & Nigel Hetherington** 33 points, came 5th out 44 pairs; **Peter Pentecost & William Rice** 32 pts; **Nick Copestick & Bob Ellis** (D '65) 30; **Steve Royle & Duncan Smith** 25. Rugby won the event with a team score (best 3) of 102; Bromsgrove came 2nd with 99.

After the usual splendid lunch with appropriate refreshment, the afternoon round of 15 holes saw the old Halford Hewitt partnership of yesteryear, **Peter Pentecost** and **Nick Copestick**, sweep the board with a total of 34 points (1 over par scratch). They collected both The Malvern Salvagers for the best afternoon score, and as a separate competition, the Repton/Uppingham Salvagers, for a combined age of over 110. The first double winners for as long as Dobby can remember!

Nick Copestick (left) and Peter Pentecost with their double trophy haul.





OOGS v Oundle School

Oundle GC

April 27th, 2023

Nick Cheatle (G '63) writes

“Firstly very many thanks to Andrew Ireson for his first class organisation of both the pupils’ and our arrangements. The timings were great, and the hospitality of the golf Club much appreciated. The concluding meal, at the venue, which most of us could describe as the Old Tuck Shop, was excellent.

As far as our team was concerned, all seemed to enjoy the whole day and I would like to express my sincere thanks to you for your participation. I know the match against the school and our support within the school is essential in building a strong future for our society, and it is very good fun!

I have pencilled you all in for next year and perhaps one of us can have a hole in one rather than the boys! However, I think we sneaked a win!”

TEAM: Megan Smedley (Hon OO), Jack Ireson (Lx '15), Joss Cheatle (G '00), Duncan Smith, Bob Ellis, James Aston, Roy Nicholson (St A '65), Alistair Gordon-Stewart (F '90), Richard Ellis (Sn '86), Michael Turnbull.

Course Record!

Many congratulations to **Tris Tusa** (S '16), who carded a course record score of 64 gross round Royal West Norfolk GC, Brancaster on July 8th. Magnificent!

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OOGS Annual Weekend, September 29th and 30th

- Friday 29th from 1:00 pm: Foursomes golf at Luffenham Heath GC
- Friday 29th 6:00 pm: Committee Meeting followed by
8:00 pm: Dinner at The George Hotel, Stamford
- Saturday 30th from 10:00 am: Golf at Luffenham Heath GC - individual prizes
- Saturday 30th following lunch: OOGS AGM

***Green Fees are subsidised by OOGS and are free
for any player aged under 24.***

Costs are as follows:

- Friday & Sat Golf £100 (*includes OOGS subsidy*)
- Friday Golf only £60 (*includes OOGS subsidy*)
- Saturday Golf only £60 (*includes OOGS subsidy*)
- Saturday Lunch £10
- Friday Dinner £65 (*not including drinks*)
- George Hotel Friday B&B £145 single; £155 twin
(*to be settled directly with hotel*)

**LHGC members are exempt from green fees.*

***Please contact James Aston by September 1st with your
booking form, -attached with this mailing.***