

OFGS Spring Meeting 2023

The OFGS Spring Meeting took place at Bishop's Stortford Golf Club on Friday, 5th May. This was our third visit there and attracted a field of 19 players. It was good to welcome Daniel Clementson, a Woodbridge member, who was playing in an annual meeting for the first time. Tom Over was due to join us for the first time but, unfortunately, had to withdraw the day before due to his wife going down with Covid. It was also good to see Matt Low and Vernon Brown playing with us again in an annual meeting. We were also supported by Nick Gandy and Neil Jackson, Honorary OF's connected with the College. It was a shame that we did not have any participants from the Under 25's but, hopefully, there will be support from them at the Autumn Meeting at Aldeburgh in September. This meeting will be run by Barry Hitchcock.

Unfortunately, we were subjected to several heavy showers which made conditions rather unpleasant and difficult. The adverse weather, however, obviously did not affect Jonny Newton who recorded a magnificent score of 42 points off a playing handicap of 7, and was only one over par!

We were well looked after by the local staff and all of us enjoyed an excellent lunch followed by the prize giving and AGM. Due to the need for many to have an early departure, there were no foursomes played in the afternoon, although at least two, locals, did venture out for 9 more holes at the end of the proceedings. The course, in spite of undergoing some improvement works, was in very good condition.

The main winners were as follows:-

Captain's Cup & Prize	Jonny Newton	42 points
Minter Cup (Scratch)	Matt Low	29 points
2nd Div 1	Mike Schneidau	34 points
3 rd Div 1	Kevin Hambling	33points
1 st Div 2	Andrew Lillie	36 points

Jonny Newton has agreed to carry on Captaining the 1st Team for the Halford Hewitt while Michael Schneidau will carry on running the Cyril Gray team. Hugh Curle has agreed to carry on running the team for the Grafton Morrish. James Blyth will be organising our teams for the fixtures against Aldeburgh GC and the College.

At the AGM James Blyth agreed to carry on as Captain for another year with effect from 1st January 2024.