



## OU Golfing Society 2022 Season Highlights

**2022 has been a splendid year for OUGS golf, with notable successes for our scratch teams, plenty of competitive fun in fine summer weather in our area meetings and matches against other schools and another satisfying influx of new, mainly younger members (both men and women). If you are an OU golfer and not yet a member, please click [here](#) for membership details.**

### Captain's Meeting & AGM 2022

Celebrating the long association between Uppingham and the village of Borth, **Tom Hayes (SH 74)**, OUGS Captain for 2022, held his Captain's Meeting over the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September at Borth & Ynyslas Golf Club. Recognised as the oldest golf course in Wales, having been conceived and laid out by Uppingham masters during the 1875-77 School typhoid pandemic evacuation, it is a traditional links course sandwiched between the railway line and Cardigan Bay. Happily, the weather smiled on the twenty-one OU golfers who attended the weekend, accompanied by eight partners. Many made a week of it, with excursions to play Aberdovey and Royal St. David's arranged by OU members.



*David Patrick receives Lee Tankard  
from Captain Tom Hayes*

On the Saturday, the Acorn Trophy for the best stableford score was won by **Richard Bernhard (B 64)** with 42 points and the Lee Tankard for the best gross score was won by **David Patrick (F 65)**, who shot 74. Other prize-winners were **Simon Moffatt (H 74)**, **Alan Thomas (H 62)**, **Hugh Smith (WB 64)**, **Andrew Renison (F 54)** and **Richard Patrick (F 66)**.

On Sunday, the Christopherson Rosebowls were won by **Anthony Flather (M 70)** and **Roderick Rhodes (Hf 68)**.

At the AGM, **Jeremy Cooke (WB 67)** was confirmed as Captain for 2023, and **Richard Bernhard (B 64)** was elected Vice-Captain. **Alan Thomas (H 62)**, **Martin Walker (L 67)**, **Mike Ingham (M 66)** and **Stuart Lloyd (WD 74)** were confirmed as President, Secretary, Treasurer and Tournament Secretary respectively. **David Downes (L 59)** and **Richard Murmann (H 55)** were elected Vice Presidents in recognition of their long contributions to the Society.

Jeremy's Captain's Meeting will return to Trevoze Golf Club over the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Trevoze, which has been owned by generations of the OU Gammon family, is always a popular OUGS venue, with a challenging 18-hole championship course and excellent on-site accommodation and dining. Its location on the north coast of Cornwall is 8 miles from Newquay airport and just 5 miles from the gourmet resort of Padstow, home to the restaurants of **Rick Stein (WD 60)**, which will no doubt tempt a few OU golfers while they are there.



*OUGS AGM attendees  
in the Borth & Ynyslas GC clubhouse*

## Scratch Team News

### Halford Hewitt

There was disappointment quickly followed by triumph at this year's Hewitt. In near-hurricane winds at Royal Cinque Ports GC on 7<sup>th</sup> April, the OUGS team lost to Glenalmond in the first round, but then won the Princes Plate for the first time ever, beating Brighton, Winchester, Berkhamsted, Wellington and The Leys along the way. Loretto won the Hewitt.



### **The Princes Plate team**

*L to R: Ewen Wilson (M 85), Ollie Worrall (Hf 12), Henry Short (Hf 07), non-playing captain Stuart Lloyd (WD 74), Rowan Northcott (B 05), Sam Debenham (C 90) and Eddie Allingham (H 81) with Princes Plate, in Royal Cinque Ports clubhouse.*

*In addition, Thomas Stevens (C 00), Damian Pitts (Hf 91), Patrick Charlton (WD 82) and Archie Warman (M 06) played in the Halford Hewitt team.*

## Bernard Darwin

Good news from Woking GC too – the OUGS team reached the final of the Bernard Darwin (for over 55s), beating Westminster, Marlborough and Harrow but losing to Malvern in the final, while our Senior Darwin team (over 65s) triumphed for the first time ever, beating Eton, Radley, Tonbridge and Repton along the way.

### **The Bernard Darwin team**

*L to R: Tom Hayes (SH 74), Stuart Lloyd (WD 74), Dennis Watson (M 76), Lloyd Wigglesworth (C 72), Chris Gotla (H 68) and David Stewart (Hf 68)*



## Grafton Morrish

The OU team came seventh in the qualifying rounds at Gog Magog and had a great run in the Finals at Hunstanton and Royal West Norfolk on 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October. The team, comprising Damian Pitts (Hf 91), Patrick Charlton (WD 82), Ewen Wilson (M 85), Eddie Allingham (H 81), Henry Short (Hf 07) and James Gunton (SH 97), beat Cranleigh in the first round, Sedburgh in the second, defending champions Millfield in the third and Clifton in the quarter final, before losing to eventual winners, Epsom, in the semi-final.

## Area Meetings & Matches

The Northern Public Schools meeting returned to its traditional Woodhall Spa venue and March timing, and the OU team returned to its winning ways. The Birkdale Bucket was won by a record margin of 27 points over other school teams and the Hinchliffe Spade for best individual score was won by **Andrew Riley (M 67)**. The Midlands Public Schools meeting at Little Aston was won by The Wrekin, with Uppingham fourth.

The OUGS West Midlands meeting at Little Aston was won by **Henry Ash (B 07)** with **Gareth Cook (SH 98)** runner-up. The Merseyside meeting at Delamere Forest was won by **Martin Walker (L 67)**. The OUGS London Area meeting at Piltdown was won by **Stuart Holmes (H 66)**.

OUGS teams had wins against the Uppingham Rovers and Borth & Ynyslas GC at Luffenham Heath and around the country against the old boys of Cheltenham, Sedburgh, Giggleswick, Malvern and Dulwich (Old Alwynians). The match against Old Paulines was halved. There were losses against Repton, Sedburgh, Piltdown GC, Ampleforth, Eastbourne, The Leys, Rugby and Loretto.

The match against the School, held at Luffenham Heath on 9<sup>th</sup> October, was a great success. The OUGS team, comprising 6 Eagles and 2 over-35s – all very competent golfers – were beaten 3-1 by the Uppingham School team that included three very low handicap golfers in Lulu Leetham (+1), Thomas Jackson (2) and Matthew Roberts (3). More importantly, there was great camaraderie and competitive golf, with 2 of the matches going down to the last putt.



## OUGS Eagles

The Eagles section of OUGS was formed in 2019 to attract and meet the needs of OU golfers under the age of 30. Supported by the OU Association, it has already succeeded in recruiting over 50 younger male and female golfers into the society and held several well-attended events.

The Princes weekend had to be cancelled because of very high winds, but the 3-cornered meeting at New Zealand GC (a 3-way tie) and the Royal Wimbledon meeting (won by **Hannah Watson (NH 11)**) were great successes. The above-mentioned winning team against Cheltenham was mainly comprised of Eagles and so too was the match against the School.

Eagles organiser **Stuart Lloyd (WD 74)** plans to reinstate the Princes weekend and add further fixtures next year.



*The Eagles at Royal Wimbledon – Winner Hannah Watson, 2<sup>nd</sup> from right*

### OUGS membership

If you are an OU golfer, whatever your handicap, **Hon Sec Martin Walker (L 67)**, would love to hear from you either by telephone on 01143 487005 or 07765 441375 or by [email](#).

Membership is only £10pa (£nil if you are still under 25) and our extensive fixture list will contain events at great venues to suit you.

For further information about joining the OUGS Eagles, please contact **Stuart Lloyd (WD 74)** on 07841 506683 or [email](#).