

OLD HAMPTONIANS GOLFING SOCIETY

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2009 – Season Report.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to report that 2009 was a successful year for the Society, as we continue to add numbers to the email group which is now just over 80 in number. Of those over 40 have enjoyed a Society Meeting at least once an increase from last year. I am grateful to all our members for making new members and guests so very welcome. To receive information of future meetings, result reports, etc., is very simple just forward your email or postal contact details to me and your details will be added. I am also very pleased that a number of non-playing OH's have joined us for dinner at Strawberry Hill and also at last years AGM. Brief reports are;

Effingham GC – 26th March. A mix of sun, wind and squally showers, was at Effingham to greet us, but nowhere near enough, to dampen the spirits of the 16 intrepid golfers. However, the weather and together with some interesting pin placements made scoring difficult for many of us. As always some stepped up to the task and returned some excellent scores, but more of that later. We were delighted to welcome a number of new members and guests, this included Toby Drinkwater and his father, Robert, Peter Simpson guest of Bob Nicholls and my own guest Geoff Bailey. I must say that all of the staff at the club made us very welcome, the ambience was exemplary and the food was superb. Mike Sinclair very kindly assisted in checking the cards and joined us for dinner.

So onto the results;

1 st Overall	Toby Drinkwater (13)	39pts
2 nd Overall	Bob Nicholls (25)	38pts
Front nine	Chris Baker (16)	21pts
Back nine	Steve Carlton (7)	20pts
Nearest the Pin	Mike Pegram	

Betchworth Park GC – 20th April - Old Hamptonians win back the Ford Cup. Superb weather greeted us at Betchworth Park for this our annual match against our old friends and sparring partners O Tiffinians. The scene was perfectly set for a memorable day, a course in excellent condition and a team of 10 eager to restore pride in the annuals of OHGS history. Guess what? WE WON!! O Tiffs had 13 present to our 10, so after a bit of pre-match negotiation they agreed to secretly select 3 players whose cards would not count, opposed to dropping the bottom 3 cards. So in the final count up we acquired 306 points to O Tiffs 292. Of the overall 25 playing, our own Mike Pegram was the only player on handicap with 36 points, which just goes to show how challenging the course played and particularly the sloping greens with many unseen hollows. We were delighted to welcome 2 new members, Simon Withers and Richard Ford. Following some excellent food, our captain Geoff Kirk said a few words and announced the individual OH winners. Brothers Rob and Richard from the “Ford” family were present and after a few words as to the background to the match, Rob kindly presented the Ford Trophy to Geoff our captain. (The OH Golfing Society was formed back in 1974 following the challenge from a Ford family member who was an O Tiff.) All in all a very satisfying day for everyone concerned and played in a spirit of great fairness and friendship.

So onto the results;

1 st Overall	Mike Pegram (18)	36pts		
2 nd Overall	Richard Curtis (20)	34pts		
Front nine	Barry Sutton (24)	17pts		
Back nine	Geoff Kirk (11)	17pts	Nearest the Pin	Richard Curtis

Basingstoke GC – 21st May. A really great day for golf and a course in magnificent condition greeted all those attending. The course proved as tough a test of golf as last year with only two matching or bettering par. As many of you know our very own Simon Lawrence is Secretary at Basingstoke and as well as looking us very well on the day, this year he participated and returned a superb 37pts playing off a 5 handicap. Well done Simon, a worthy winner, beating Lou Abbot a guest of Steve Carlton into 2nd place with 36pts. Our front 9 winner on the day was Bob Nicholls with 21pts and the back 9 winner was Steve Carlton with 18pts. Nearest the pin was Barry Sutton and most likely with his trusty 4 iron!! I must thank Martin Read who stepped in to take charge of proceedings on the day. Several members emailed me to say how good the course was and that it is a must for the 2010 calendar.

Fulwell GC – 29th June - Old Hamptonians defeated by The School. Superb weather and raging temperatures greeted us at Fulwell GC for this revival of our traditional annual match against The School, the first was back in 1986. With the school over the years having twice as many wins as the Old Boys, we knew that there was a tough battle ahead and this proved to be. The School was too strong on the day and came out winners with some 264 points against our 240 points. But a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all and it was pleasing to have a member of staff in all the 3 ball groups during the afternoon. We hope that this will continue to be an important date in our future calendar of meetings in 2010 and beyond. We were delighted to welcome Eddie Gower who has been an avid supporter in the past, guest of Graham Dutton. After a light meal, our captain Geoff Kirk presented the individual prizes and the Les Stokes Trophy to the victors, The School. My thanks to all those attending, and making this match possible.

So onto the results;

The School

1 st Overall	Adrian Linsben	43pts
2 nd Overall	Jack Ravenscroft	37pts

The Old Hamptonians

1 st Overall	Martin Read	37pts
2 nd Overall	Simon Withers	35pts
Nearest the Pin	Maurice Markey (Staff)	

Leatherhead GC – October. Yet another fine day, with just a few holes of rain towards the end of the round for a few us! An excellent turnout for what was the annual Rugby Club Tin Cup competition traditionally held during the day of the OHA Dinner. With the fine weather and a course that was in good condition, there really was no excuse for not scoring well, and sure enough out of 22 players, 15 scored in excess of 30 points.

Once again, my thanks must go to Leatherhead GC in providing a suitable venue, good food, an attractive course and all at a very reasonable rate.

So on to the results;

1 st Overall	Alistair McClenan	38pts Winner of the Tin Cup
2 nd Overall	Chris Taylor	37pts on countback
3 rd Overall	Arnie Glyn-Jones	37pts
4 th Overall	Nick Girling	37pts
Guest prize	Andrea Maxwell	
Best Front 9	Barry Sutton	23pts
Best Back 9	Nick Girling	24pts
Nearest the pin	Toby Drinkwater	

All in all a very enjoyable day in which we welcomed 2 new attendees, Richard Hotson and Les Wood, together with guests, Jock and Andrea Maxwell.

Strawberry Hill GC – December. Once again we fortunate to have good attendance at this our Christmas Meeting, with 15 golfers during the day. We played 18 holes of individual stableford in the morning followed by a Texas Scramble Team event in the afternoon. Both proved to be most enjoyable, with an excellent sandwich lunch. It was nice to see, Ted Lawrence and Hal Severn on the course and subsequently in the bar after! We were joined by Brian Gray for an excellent Christmas Dinner in the early evening. My thanks to all those that supported the event, which was a great way to round off the year as we gently move towards 2010.

So onto the results;

1 st Overall	Nobby Clarke	41pts	Winner of the Christmas Trophy
2 nd Overall	Gary Hide	34pts	
F9	Pam Clarke	19pts	
B9	Chris Baker	15pts	

The prestigious Christmas Trophy was awarded to a very worthy winner Nobby Clarke with 41pts. By far and away the best round of the day, Gary Hide was second with 34pts.

Grafton Morrish Trophy. Unfortunately Sam Smith was unable to enter a team in the Grafton Morrish Trophy in 2009.

Trophy Winners 2009.

The Ford Cup	OHGS
The Les Stokes Trophy	The School
The Rugby Club “Tin Cup”	Alistair McClenan
The Christmas Trophy	Nobby Clarke
The Round of the Year	Nobby Clarke

Dates and Venues for 2010. The following dates have been confirmed with the clubs concerned and I would ask members to make notes in their 2010 diary as soon as possible.

Thursday	March 25 th	New Zealand GC	Match v Old Tiffs
Monday	April 19 th	Betchworth Park GC	Members and guests
Wednesday	May 26 th	Effingham GC	Members and guests
Monday	June 28 th	Basingstoke GC	Match v The School
Monday	July 26 th	Surbiton GC	Triangular Match
Thursday	September 2 nd	Maidenhead GC	Members and guests
Friday	October 8 th	Leatherhead GC	Rugby Club “Tin Cup”
Thursday	December 9th	Strawberry Hill GC	Xmas Trophy & Dinner

Once again, my sincere thanks to all those that have helped to make 2009 another successful year for the Society. I must also thank Geoff Kirk, our Captain for the year, Rob Ford for taking care of the annual accounts, committee members Martin Read and Brian Fagents for their continuous support and to The School for their continuing support in advertising the Golfing Society.

Finally, I cannot let this opportunity pass without a mention of Peter Carpenter. Peter was a committee member of the Society for many years and such a staunch supporter of the Society, a great friend to so many of us, he will be so very much missed.

Gary Hide
Secretary
Jan 2009