

Golf Report No 1

OLD HAMPTONIANS GOLFING SOCIETY

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Report - Strawberry Hill GC Fri 23rd May 2008

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to report some 21 golfers (including two ladies) enjoyed almost dry conditions, just a very brief shower, but so much better than the forecast. The course was in excellent condition and provided a test for all present. Indeed it was not just the course that provided a test of golfing prowess, but the school very kindly arranged Jiri who looks after much of the photography for The Lion, to attend. So the 1st Tee was an even more nervous affair than usual! All were successful in calming their nerves and duly trotted off into the distance in search of their ball to gather as many stableford points as possible.

My thanks to Mike Sinclair who put his Mathematics skills to excellent use and provided me with a most comprehensive results sheet, he has got the job! So onto the results;

1 st Overall	Bob Nicholls (24)	37pts
2 nd Overall	Chris Baker (16)	35pts on count back from Pam Clarke
Best front 9	Gary Hide (13)	18pts on count back from 3 players
Best back 9	Nobby Clarke (9)	20pts

Nearest the Pin was **Pete Carpenter** and he duly sunk the putt for a birdie

Prizes were duly awarded.

With an enjoyable afternoons golf behind us, we settled down to a few drinks and some catching up with old friends and new. Joining us in the evening were four more OHA's to sample a delightful meal and good wine. Thanks were extended to all present and some 30 other OHA's that had kindly contacted me to wish the meeting well and their support for future events.

It was also reported that the School had been represented in the Grafton Morrish Trophy which is run by the Public Schools Old Boys Golf Association. This is a scratch Foursomes event for 3 pairs. The team was put together by **Sam Smith** and included **Omar Malik, Raza Malik, John Sadler, Richard Jenkins** and **Gerald Powell**. They just missed out on qualifying for the finals, but are determined to do better next year. Well done Sam for organizing.

After dinner a brief discussion then took place on the future of the Society and all agreed that there was a real desire to keep it alive. So the next aim is to revive the traditional match against the School and Staff hopefully towards the end of June/early July, perhaps a match against our old rivals, Old Tiffinians in September and the possibility of a meeting during the day leading up to the Annual OHA Dinner, which is to take place on the 10th October this year.

I will be in touch with future meeting details as soon as possible.

Gary.