



## **OSGC BAF Meeting review & results from Clacton GC**

Captain and Secretary: Steve Clarke

With 28 OSGC members and a good looking weather forecast, the "Bring a Friend" meeting promised to be a fun, sociable day of golf.

Rowdy ensured arrival on time by bringing his Son: Craig to navigate (what will Rowdy do for Brickendon?), which in turn provided further dividends as you will see by the golf results below.

After the initial meet & greet, Bacon roll and Coffee for sustenance, the 28 members went out in their 7 designated 4balls for a fun 9hole Foursomes Comp; with the 7th hole a NP allowing both partners to play shots and the best ball to be played.

The morning was sunny, some light cloud and light winds, making for a pleasant and fast game of golf.

Huge plumes of smoke appeared on the horizon as we played holes 6,7 and 8, followed by the sirens of various services. The "witch" at the 10th watering hole advised us that it had been a house fire in Jaywick, no-one hurt but lots of damage.

Was Farage visiting??

The incident provided some good banter about Jaywick and Clacton, but didn't detract from the golf and pace of play.

As such it enabled a relaxed lunch period for the golfer's staple: Ham, Egg & Chips - and a couple of pints of sustenance for the afternoon's game.

We tee'd off the afternoon Singles and combined BetterBall games (same 4balls and playing partners) at 2pm.

But now the weather was a changing. The wind was starting to whip up and the cloud a little heavier.

No Problem! To be expected as a Links based golf course right on the coast. So something all the guys would find challenging but still fun.

As first group out my 4ball reached the 10th green where the Halfway hut was situated. We duly stopped for Teas/Coffees and snacks, and a quick chat with the young lady serving. Whereupon she duly asked from inside the cabin: "was that rain she could feel" - "NO" we replied; and "Don't Jinx us!"

We walked to the 11th tee and.... The first drops of rain.

By the time we reached the 12th tee the wind had whipped up even more and the rain was horizontal. Was this a girl a Witch ???

We had now reached the open Links part of the golf course, allowing us to see the following members and friends getting soaked as many had left their waterproofs in the car or at home.

And whilst we stood on the 14th tee to hit back to Clacton beach we were rewarded with the wondrous sight of Alan Worsdale sprinting (yes - sprinting!) across the 12th and 13th fairways chasing his umbrella - not quite Mary Poppins....

We all roared him on, but he couldn't hear in that wind and rain. But it defo gave us all a heart warming feeling to think his speed hadn't deserted him at 65+ years of age.

Assume he got the broly back, but by then he was probably so wet I don't think he would need to use it.

We were heartened by the jinks of Alan so duly carried on with big smiles on our faces. The squall passed, and all the groups dried out over the final few holes.

After a very entertaining afternoon of golf and Alan's jinks, we all showered and refreshed ourselves for dinner and prize giving.

The Winners are listed below, with the individual results following.

Congrats to all the winners, and a BIG thank-you to all those who came to Clacton and made this a fun golf day.

I hoped you all enjoyed it as much as I did!

The next OSGC meeting is the final meeting for 2024: the Autumn meeting at Brickendon Grange GC on 13th September.

I will send out details very shortly as only a few weeks away, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible then.

All the best

Steve

OSGC Secretary and Captain 2024

<b>RESULTS</b>			
	<b>Name</b>	<b>S/Ford Points</b>	<b>Prizes</b>
<b>Fun 9 hole comp - Foursomes</b>			
1st	Steve Clarke & Steve Jennings	18	2 wine + Balls
2nd	John Milroy & Tim Fenner	16	1 wine + Balls
3rd	Nick Neale & Steve Jones	16	1 wine + Balls
<b>Nearest the Pin</b>			
	Tim Fenner		1 wine + Balls
<b>18 hole BetterBall Pairs</b>			
1st	Richard & Craig Rawlings	42	3 wine + Balls
2nd	Nick Neale & Steve Jones	41	2 wine + Balls
3rd	Geoff Pigott & Rob Bones	41	1 wine + Balls
<b>18 hole stableford individual</b>			
1st	Craig Rawlings	37	3 wine + Balls
2nd	Steve Jennings	33	2 wine + Balls
3rd	David Hill	31	1 wine + Balls
<b>Vets 18 hole stableford individual</b>			
1st	Alan Malcolm	32	3 wine + Balls
2nd	Keith Thomson	32	2 wine + Balls
3rd	John French	31	1 wine + Balls
<b>Nearest the Pin</b>			
	Brant Chapman		1 wine + Balls
<b>Nearest the Pin in 2</b>			
	Craig Rawlings		1 wine + Balls

<b>Attendees</b>						
<b>Name</b>	<b>Vet ?</b>	<b>PHC</b>	<b>S/Ford Points</b>	<b>BetterBall</b>	<b>Back 9 Singles</b>	<b>Back 9 BB</b>
Steve Clarke			22	38		
John French	Y		31	39		
Noel Cooper			31		15	
Steve Jennings			33			
Phil Burrows	Y		DNF			
Peter Addison	Y		DNF			
John Blackmore	Y		26	34		
Rob McKelvie			30	36		
Kim Clarke	Y		18			
Garry Clark			29			
Alan Malcolm	Y		32	36	17	
Andrew Golding			18			
Alan Worsdale	Y		23	37		
Keith Thomson	Y		32		13	
Andy Crow			30	35		
Geoff Pigott	Y		30	41		24
Rob Bones	Y		29			
Brant Chapman			26	31		
Ben Chapman			21			
Richard Rawlings	Y		28	42		