



OSGC Summer Meeting review & results from Crondon Park GC

Captain and Secretary: Steve Clarke

The Summer Meeting was held yesterday with a great attendance of 28 members vying for a total of 19 prizes.

The weather was superb, a real summer's day, much better than was originally forecast earlier in the week.

We all arrived between 9am-10am for Bacon or Sausage rolls with mugs of coffee, a quick chat and catch up, and final preparations of cards, the Tote etc..

And then the Captain, yours truly, kicked off the morning 9 hole competition for the Liberty Cup at 10.10am.

Lunch was rolling freshly cooked Pizzas on the Terrace / Marquee with drinks (beers for many) sitting in the sunshine at large tables, under umbrellas, overlooking the large 18th Green - very relaxing....

The Pizzas were huge and very tasty - some could not finish and got a doggy bag to sustain them for the afternoon or the next day....

They definitely filled a hole in readiness for the afternoon Medal based competition, and I think many, like me, could have sat and enjoyed the rest of afternoon in blissful ambience.

Sadly, for me, I did get the afternoon kicked off but my golf and scoring ability disappeared / remained on the Terrace - as my results show below.

Crondon was in the middle of some major drainage works, required due to the excessively wet winter.

As such we lost 2 holes for the afternoon session but the remaining 16 holes were in excellent order, with the new drainage lines and ditches on holes already done rarely creating any issues for play.

We played off the Yellow tees which reduced the slope rating to 124, but I think many will agree that the course presented a great challenge, though a fair challenge, even off these tees.

The afternoon Comp was duly followed by a quick shower and a change of clothing, and further sociable drinking and chatting until dinner at 7.45pm.

I must say that the Chicken and Ham pie with vegetables, followed by Sticky Toffee pudding with Ice cream and a creamy mouse were delicious.

I think every plate was scraped clean for both courses... endorsing my thoughts, and certainly help the waitress clearing away.

And then to the Prize giving.....

The winners of the prizes are immediately below, followed by the afternoon score cards.

As you can see I won the Liberty Cup with my partner: Jonathan Yeatts - so my golfing ability wasn't too bad in the morning - shame about the afternoon.

We had some new members playing today: Dave Howe, Rob Burry, Rob McKelvie, Nigel Bowie and Mark Sanders, plus a returning member after a long period away: Tim Fenner.

As you can see all these boys won something, especially Nigel Bowie! (handicap cut will be coming for the next meeting...)

The feedback on the day heavily suggested that Crondon Park was a great society day, regardless of the drainage works.

We were very well looked after, the weather was wonderful, the course challenging but fun, the food delicious, and as always with the Old Boys, the camaraderie excellent!

This is a venue that I will earmark to return to in 2026/27.

Thank you everyone who attended!

And I look forward to seeing as many of the Society as possible at our next event: Bring a Friend Meeting at Clacton GC on 8th August.

Happy Golfing

Steve

OSGC Secretary and Captain 2024

RESULTS			
Name	Gross Score	Nett Score	Prizes
Liberty Cup (9 hole Greensomes) S'ford points			
Steve Clarke & Jonathan Yeatts	19		2 wine + Balls
David Howe & Andy Clark	18		1 wine + Balls
John Welsford & Rob Burry	15		Balls
Nearest the Pin on the 7th (par 3)			
Nick Neale			1 wine + balls
Championship Cup (Gross Medal) + Whiskey Glass			
John Avery	75		3 wine + balls
Andy Clark	80		2 wine + balls
Rob Burry	82		1 wine + balls
Emmett Cup (Net Medal) + Whiskey Glass			
Nigel Bowie	78	58	3 wine + balls
Steve Jennings	81	65	2 wine + balls
Alan Ditton	82	71	1 wine + balls
Hope Trophy (Higher Handicap section 20+ Playing HC) + Whiskey Glass			
John French	89	65	2 wine + balls
Andy Crow	97	71	1 wine + balls
Rob McKelvie	99	74	balls
Veteran's Cup (new Cup to purchased and engraved) + Whiskey Glass			
Tim Fenner	81	67	2 wine + balls
Steve Bailey	91	67	1 wine + balls
Graham Winckless	108	72	balls
Nearest the Pin on 7th (par 3)			
Mark Sanders			1 wine + balls
Nearest the Pin in 3 on 18th			
Andy Clark			1 wine + balls
3 Tanners S'ford points			
Nigel Bowie	14		1 wine + balls

Attendees							
Name	Vet ?	PHC	House	Gross Score	Nett Score	S'Ford Points	3 Tenners
John Avery		12	Sparta	75	63	31	9
Nigel Bowie		20	Sparta	78	58	37	14
Andy Clark		11	Tuscany	80	69	28	6
Steve Jennings		16	Athens	81	65	28	8
Tim Fenner	Y	14	Tuscany	81	67	26	9
Alan Ditton		11	Troy	82	71	26	7
Rob Burry		10	Tuscany	82	72	23	9
Malcolm Price		12	Troy	84	72	22	6
Stuart Horton		13	Athens	85	72	25	10
John French	Y	24	Athens	89	65	28	13
Nick Neale		9	Sparta	89	80	20	6
Steve Bailey	Y	24	Troy	91	67	27	6
Stephen Nunn	Y	18	Tuscany	92	74	23	9
Brant Chapman		16	Tuscany	92	76	21	9
John Milroy	Y	20	Troy	96	76	20	7
Andy Crow		26	Athens	97	71	24	9
Garry Clark		22	Tuscany	97	75	19	8
Rob McKelvie		25	Troy	99	74	20	9
John Blackmore	Y	25	Athens	99	74	20	8
David Howe		22	Tuscany	102	80	15	8
Jim Harrington	Y	18	Sparta	103	85	14	5
John Welsford	Y	18	Troy	103	85	13	6
Steve Clarke		17	Tuscany	103	86	12	4
Mark Sanders		28	Troy	105	77	20	10
Graham Winckless	Y	36	Athens	108	72	19	8
Jonathan Yeatts	Y	30	Athens	108	78	16	10
Alan Worsdale	Y	25	Sparta	109	84	18	4
Dave Webb	Y	25	Athens	114	89	14	4