



## ***OSGC Autumn Meeting review & results from Brickendon Grange GC***

Captain and Secretary: Steve Clarke

Last Friday was a beautiful Autumn day of sunshine and light winds, and we were blessed by a no to little travel disruption to enable the majority of the 18 playing members to arrive for 11am and the "BIG" breakfast brunch.

And I do mean "BIG" - even Chopper was stuffed - there are a couple of photos attached of us eating....

The planned brunch gave us 90mins to meet up, stoke up with food, socialise and chat before we duly strolled down to the 1st hole: a long Par 5 with OB all the way down the right hand side.

Brickendon Grange GC is situated near Hertford but out in the countryside, consisting of 18 holes wending their way up and down, and round wooded vales.

A beautiful course, very peaceful, very well kept, with greens of subtle but strong borrows and lightening quick.

We played as 6x 3balls, with Jimmy H and myself partnering Phil Burrows, Brickendon's Captain to be for 2024/25 and our host for the day.

Was hoping that Phil would give Jim and myself guidance and tips on how to play the course, and he duly did.... But it didn't stop Jim and I hitting OBs on that first hole

Also, with Phil in the first group I was hoping he would guide us and the following groups around the course. But the 2nd group out of Chopper, Stevie Bailo and Al Ditton had other ideas.

After 5 holes a gap appeared and by the 18th 2+ holes. Jim, Phil and I managed to put our gear away, shower and change and sink a pint before as they finished the 18th.

And the following OSGC groups finished in very quick succession thereafter....

The feedback from everyone was that the course was tough but fair, with greens proving a real challenge and thus keeping the scores to respectable levels as the results show below.

Despite Chopper, Bailo and Ditto's slightly slower play, everyone came off the course smiling and managed to get changed etc and into the bar for a swift drink by 6pmish..

We then adjourned to a lovely wooden panelled room for our meal - please see the 2 photos attached.

Here we were served with Steak and Ale pies with Vegetables.

At least that was the planned menu but some of us looked up after a couple of mouthfuls to question the taste.... Some of us had chicken pies

Seems the chef must have got some of the pies mixed up

NP both the Steak and Chicken pies were absolutely delicious; and with the Cheese board and Coffee after, provided ample nourishment following our golfing exertions.

Afterwards, a full table of smiling faces turned to hear the results of the day.

These are all at the bottom of this email and I congratulate everyone who won a prize!!

I would like to thank everyone who attended this meeting for your company and camaraderie on the day.

I think this was the best meeting of 2024 - everything just gelled (despite the pies mix up) and made the day very special.

And I want to give a big THANK-YOU to Phil Burrows for helping setting up this day, but also all his kind help on the day to ensure it ran so smoothly and enjoyably!!

I hope everyone gets to play and practice over the autumn and winter months.

I will start organising for the 2025 OSGC season and will be in touch nearer the end of the year with the details and the kind request for subscriptions.

All the best

Steve

OSGC Secretary and Captain 2024

Attendees									
Name	Vet ?	House	PHC	S/ Ford Points	Mac Price todate	Mac Price Total	3 Tenners	3 Tenners todate	3 Tenners total
Steve Clarke		Tuscany	18	28	43	71	6	9	15
John Avery		Sparta	13	24	59	83	5	15	20
Jim Harrington	Y	Sparta	20	34	38	72	10	11	21
John Welsford	Y	Troy	19	26	13	39	6	6	12
Garry Clark		Tuscany	23	26	36	62	7	12	19
Richard Rawlings	Y	Sparta	15	23	28	51	6	3	9
Phil Burrows	Y	Troy	14	29	25	54	8	5	13
Nick Neale		Sparta	9	35	47	82	6	10	16
John French	Y	Athens	26	30	51	81	7	21	28
Steve Bailey	Y	Troy	24	26	27	53	6	6	12
Alan Ditton		Troy	11	32	26	58	8	7	15
Nigel Bowie		Sparta	18	27	37	64	6	14	20
Paul Husselbee		Troy	14	19	0	19	9	0	9
Dave Webb	Y	Athens	24	24	43	67	5	11	16
Malcolm Price		Troy	12	30	47	77	7	13	20
Karl Wingfield		Athens	8	30	33	63	6	6	12
Andrew Metcalf		Tuscany	18	28	0	28	7	0	7
Mark Sanders		Troy	32	29	20	49	8	4	12

<b>RESULTS</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>S/Ford Points</b>	
<b>Ron Dudley Memorial Trophy</b>		
Nick Neale	35	
Malcolm Price	30	
<b>The 1970 Captains Trophy Div 1</b>		
Alan Ditton	32	
Karl Wingfield	30	
<b>The 1970 Captains Trophy Div 2</b>		
Jim Harrington	34	
Mark Sanders	29	
<b>John Meakin Trophy (Vets: 65+)</b>		
John French	30	
Phil Burrows	29	
<b>Nearest the Pin 6th hole</b>		
Nick Neale		
<b>Nearest the Pin 18th hole</b>		
Alan Ditton		