



OSGC Autumn Meeting review & results from Thorndon Park GC

Captain: Steve Jennings
Vice Captain: Karl Wingfield
Secretary: Steve Clarke

The 2025 Autumn Meeting saw 32 OSGC members arrive at Thorndon Park GC for lovely Bacon Baguettes and Coffee/Tea, some quick chat and the secretary enforcing pens (provided for free) to mark their score cards (he couldn't read the pencil markings at previous meets so thought he'd do something about it).

The Captain: Steve Jennings, duly kicked off the event at 11am with his drive, smiling as he did so; this was another of his chosen courses, a childhood haunt as a cadet being taught by one of his best pal's (Dickie Barber) mum who used to play for England in the day.

Thorndon's pro had warned about slow play not being tolerated at the club, setting expectation of 3.5 hrs for the round , otherwise members would complain.

The weather was a bit blustery at times with multiple threats of stormy weather - Bob Hammond had a brief "Mary Poppins" incident with his umbrella in one squall but nothing to rival the infamous and hilarious Alan Worsdale "brolly chase" at Clacton last year.

Fortunately, we only experienced one bad period that hindered us to 4hrs (ish) a round but also, I think deterred Thorndon members following us out too closely.

Despite hooligans damaging the course earlier this year, and the multiple heatwaves, the course was in very good condition - a credit to Thorndon's course and greens staff!

This is a premier course in Essex and the feedback from everyone in OSGC was very positive, hoping we can return in the near future.

A Big Thank you goes out to Neil Beaumont for helping this Society get this venue, and at such a great price!

Everyone finished golf, showered and changed in time for dinner at 5.15pm where we had a superb carvery with seconds available for those who could manage it, followed by Cheesecake. Delicious!

The secretary was in the last group out and was a bit rushed in collating the scores for the numerous prizes available, leading to a couple of misreads of the scorecards DESPITE the use of the free pens he provided. This created some childish amusement for the members and a valuable lesson for him to return to playing in the 2nd group out in the future.

However, the winners were eventually sorted out, allowing the Captain to duly present the prizes. Photos are attached, and the full results are listed below.

El Capitano was once again embarrassed (NOT) to be the recipient of multiple prizes, putting his winning streak down to course selection - Karl Wingfield : choose wisely next year!

Congratulations are to be given to the Trophy Winners, 2 of which are unsurprisingly Thorndon Park members :

Ron Dudley Memorial Trophy	Dave Webb
1970 Captains Trophy Div 1	Dickie Barber
1970 Captains Trophy Div 2	Paul Husselbee
Autumn Hope Trophy	Steve Bailey
Mac Price Man of the Year	Steve Jennings

Dave Webb was especially happy as apart from winning the Ron Dudley Memorial Trophy, he won the 3 Tenners and was the only person to bet on himself in the Tote for which he received £47 on top of his other prizes!

As this was the final event for 2025, the OSGC Cock House Trophy was decided, with Troy very narrowly defeating Tuscany.

Well done Trojans! (said the secretary through gritted teeth)

	Cock House Tally			
	Athens	Sparta	Troy	Tuscany
Spring Meeting	118	97	116	124
Summer Meeting	83	83	111	102
Autumn Meeting	113	87	102	101
	314	267	329	327

2025 AGM

A very short AGM was held post the prize giving.

The secretary advised that once again the OSGC had increased numbers across the 4 events, with 2 events getting 30+ and the other 2 events getting 24+

Great course selection from the Captain helped entice the membership to the events, but also, we managed to get a younger section from the OSA with help from Rob McKelvie, Andy Crow, Mark Sanders, Paul Husselbee and Steve Jennings. This is an action we wish to build on in 2026.

The OSGC holds a working fund to pay for deposits and towards prizes. This was started by Graham Winckless a few years back, and Steve Clarke has continued the strategy with the balance at the end of 2025 at circa £1100.

The changes to the format requested in the 2024 AGM were implemented in 2025, and all agreed that these changes were successful and should continue into 2026.

The OSGC thanked Steve Jennings for being an excellent Captain for 2025!

Karl Wingfield will be Captain for 2026 and the members wish him a successful season!

And Paul Husselbee very kindly accepted the honour to be Captain for 2027.

Lastly, Dave Webb outlined the Tour for 2026 in Warwickshire - the secretary will post future nudges to the Society.

No other business was raised so the AGM concluded.

I would like to thank everyone who played and responded to multiple nudges I made for the 4 events this year.

It really does help, even if you reply "Cannot Make", as I get a feel of who's reading my messages and the numbers I will get.

And our numbers have been great this year; this gives me hope that in 2026 we can build upon our improvements and entice more youngsters to more events.

Steve Jennings, our Captain this year, did an excellent job supporting me in choosing, arranging and managing the 4 events; I want to say a Huge Thanks to him.

And I very much look forward to working with Karl Wingfield in 2026. A high bar has been set but I am sure we can match at least

I hope everyone gets out for some Autumn and Winter golf, and I look forward to seeing you all in 2026.

Happy Golfing

Steve

Autumn Meeting		
RESULTS		
Name	S/Ford Points	
Ron Dudley Memorial Trophy		
Dave Webb	41	
Steve Clarke	32	
Alan Malcolm	31	
The 1970 Captains Trophy Div 1 (<18)		
Richard Barber	40	
Steve Jennings	37	
Alan Ditton	31	
The 1970 Captains Trophy Div 2 (18+)		
Paul Husselbee	33	
Toby Jennings	33	
Rob McKelvie	32	
Autumn Hope Trophy (Vets 65+)		
Steve Bailey	37	
Geoff Pigott	35	
Jim Harrington	32	
Nearest the Pin 2nd hole		
Steve Jennings		
Nearest the Pin 15th hole		
Alan Ditton		
Nearest the Pin in 2 6th hole		
Alan Worsdale		
3 Tanners		
Dave Webb	12	
Mac Price Man of the Year		
Steve Jennings	105	
2025 Three Tanners		
Steve Clarke	29	
2025 Cock House		
Troy	329	

Date:	12-Sep-25								
Golf Course:	Thorndon Park GC								
Attendees									
Name	Vet ?	House	PHC	S/Ford Points	Mac Price to date	Mac Price Total	3 Tenners	3 Tenners to date	3 Tenners total
Alan Ditton	Y	Troy	13	31	68	99	8	12	20
Alan Malcolm	Y	Athens	18	31	0	31	9	0	9
Alan Worsdale	Y	Sparta	20	23	53	76	6	15	21
Alastair Lintern	Y	Tuscany	27	21	38	59	8	9	17
Alastair Mcfarlane		Tuscany	7	25	0	25	5	0	5
Anthony Farr		Troy	28	20	54	74	5	17	22
Bob Hammond	Y	Tuscany	23	17	0	17	7	0	7
Dave Webb	Y	Athens	31	41	13	54	12	4	16
David Howe		Tuscany	16	25	44	69	6	9	15
Geoff Pigott	Y	Athens	26	35	27	62	9	4	13
Jim Harrington	Y	Sparta	22	32	45	77	8	11	19
John Avery		Sparta	14	26	58	84	4	10	14
John French	Y	Athens	28	31	60	91	8	15	23
John Husselbee		Troy	12	23	0	23	5	0	5
John Milroy	Y	Troy	19	29	64	93	7	13	20
John Ruppert	Y	Tuscany	24	27	32	59	3	8	11
John Welsford	Y	Troy	19	22	29	51	7	3	10
Jonathan Yeatts	Y	Athens	30	23	60	83	6	14	20
Karl Wingfield		Athens	8	27	62	89	3	13	16
Malcolm Price		Troy	12	27	62	89	6	15	21
Nick Neale		Sparta	8	25	27	52	7	9	16
Paul Husselbee		Troy	18	33	49	82	9	12	21
Richard Barber		Tuscany	9	40	42	82	9	7	16
Richard Rawlings	Y	Sparta	16	29	0	29	7	11	18
Rob Burry		Tuscany	8	29	65	94	5	14	19
Rob Mckelvie	Y	Troy	23	32	40	72	7	11	18
Simon Oliphant		Sparta	6	33	0	33	5	0	5
Steve Bailey	Y	Troy	28	37	35	72	9	4	13
Steve Clarke		Tuscany	18	32	71	103	10	19	29
Steve Jennings		Athens	17	37	68	105	6	16	22
Stuart Horton	Y	Athens	13	23	30	53	5	3	8
Toby Jennings		Athens	21	33	41	74	5	10	15