



OSGC Report for Spring Meeting at Orsett GC

Captain: Karl Wingfield
Vice Captain: Dr Paul Husselbee
Secretary: Steve Clarke

The opening OSGC event for 2026 at Orsett GC boded well when young Garry Clark and I met with no traffic issues and arrived at the venue well ahead of schedule. As did the majority of the 30 members, enabling a reasonably well orchestrated meet up and organisation for the coffee/tea and Bacon roll, a longer chat and catch up than usual, payment and collection of buggies, the tote betting/picking, and scorecard distribution and general play instructions. And it was great to see the return of Brian and Paul Kreyling, plus Dick Clarke – all “missing from action” for a few seasons, but now able to compliment the usual suspects once again.

At 11.20am we all marched round to the 1st tee to support our 2026 Captain: Karl Wingfield for his Captain's Drive-in. He was playing with John Avery and Malcolm Price and all three hugely impressed the Orsett starter man with their mighty drives straight down the middle. The rest of us all applauded and possible cheered these wonderful drives though at the same time looked at each other a tad apprehensive at the thought of having to replicate – a bit of bum squeaking and all that... At this point I mentioned my recovery from a chest infection and ongoing hip pain, took some painkillers, and applied Deep Heat in the hope of deflecting a poor drive and poor score. The grumbling retort, full of compassion, was “beware the injured golfer”. There are possibly some psychics in our membership...

Regardless to say, I think everyone got away pretty well. My group were off third and I turned to my trusty 4 iron to launch the ball 200yds down the middle, along with my 3 golfing partners: Brant Chapman, Andy Metcalf and Toby Jennings.

Orsett was in great condition considering that Essex has only received 1% of it's expected April rainfall. The fairways were green and relatively soft underneath; and the greens were lightening quick. The weather was blue skies, light cloud and light to moderate wind. Perfect for golf.

I kept popping the pills during the round to ease both my chest and hip, and as a group of 4 we managed to keep within 1 hole of the 3 ball in front of us. A slight gap behind us but nothing drastic, enabled everyone to get in by 5pmish for a quick shower/change, and as tradition expects a drink on the Captain. Thank you Karl!

Dinner was served circa 5.45pm. Good hearty food though many of you have made it known that the Steak & Ale pie lacked in the Steak department. Mine certainly did, as did the rest on my table. But this was a minor blip. Though I will raise to the Orsett Office.

Then to the Prizes, starting with the NPs and 3 tenners and rising to the key prize: W.A. Jones Challenge Bowl. It was sad to see that the pill popping and chest infection had affected the Secretary's ability to get all the prize scores in the correct order, even missing one out, and he marked his card! Sorry Toby! But we got there eventually, and I even managed to bring a spare prize for Toby.

Sooooo... the results of the winners and all the scores are below. And as you can see the grumbling Psychics forecast very accurately. Yes... “Beware the Injured Golfer” certainly panned out as I embarrassingly took top prize. All I can say is that I was smiling all the way home (even more so as only Brant and myself put money on me in the Tote!).

Orsett was a great day out (not just because I won...). It was great to see so many friends again, great banter as always, and all mixed in with some very pleasurable golf.

Thanks to everyone who turned out! And I look forward to our next event: The Summer Meeting at Benton Hall on Friday 26th June.

Best regards,

Steve
OSGC Secretary

Golf Course:		Orsett GC							
Attendees									
Name	Vet	House	PHC	Low HCF	S/Ford Point	Back 9	Back 6	Back 3	3 Tenne
Alan Ditton	Y	Troy	13	Y	30				6
Alastair Lintern	Y	Tuscany	29		37				6
Andrew Metcalf	Y	Tuscany	18	Y	37				10
Anthony Farr		Troy	28		20				5
Brant Chapman	Y	Tuscany	15	Y	29				9
Brian Kreyling	Y	Troy	29		34				7
Dave Webb	Y	Athens	30		28				5
David Hill		Sparta	17	Y	25				6
Dick Clarke	Y	Troy	18	Y	29				9
Garry Clark	Y	Tuscany	22		27				7
Geoff Pigott	Y	Athens	26		31	18			8
Jim Harrington	Y	Sparta	22		33				9
John Avery		Sparta	15	Y	29				9
John Husselbee		Troy	12	Y	32				4
John Milroy	Y	Troy	18	Y	25				6
Jonathan Yeatts	Y	Athens	31		20				2
Karl Wingfield		Athens	7	Y	33				8
Kim Clarke	Y	Troy	20		26				0
Malcolm Price		Troy	14	Y	24				2
Neil Beaumont		Sparta	13	Y	25				6
Paul Husselbee	Y	Troy	18	Y	31	14			5
Paul Kreyling	Y	Troy	16	Y	NR				3
Rob Burry		Tuscany	8	Y	29				6
Rob Mckelvie	Y	Troy	19		40				11
Simon Oliphant		Sparta	7	Y	33	13			7
Steve Bailey	Y	Troy	26		30				7
Steve Clarke		Tuscany	20		42				7
Steve Jennings		Athens	16	Y	33	15			6
Stuart Horton	Y	Athens	13	Y	27				4
Toby Jennings		Athens	20		34				8

RESULTS		
Name	S/Ford Points	
Challenge Bowl		
Steve Clarke	42	
Karl Wingfield	33	
John Husselbee	32	
Emmett Cup (0-18Hcp)		
Andy Metcalf	37	
Steve Jennings	33	cb
Simon Oliphant	33	
Spring Hope Trophy (19+ Hcp)		
Rob McKelvie	40	
Geoff Pigott	31	cb
Paul Husselbee	31	
Spring Veterans Cup		
Alastair Lintern	37	
Brian Kreyling	34	
Jim Harrington	33	
Nearest the Pin on Hole 3 (par 3)		
Steve Bailey		
Nearest the Pin in 2 on Hole 6		
Simon Oliphant		
Nearest the Pin on Hole 12 (par 3)		
John Avery		
3 Tanners		
Rob McKelvie	11	

	Cock House Tally			
	Athens	Sparta	Troy	Tuscany
Spring Meeting	97	95	106	116