

# OLD CRANLEIGHAN GOLF SOCIETY

## HIGH SUMMER and GOOD GOLFING WEATHER!

### 1 Grafton-Morrish

Having started the year with disappointments in the Halford Hewitt and Brent Knoll competitions, we excelled in the Grafton-Morrish regional qualifying round played at Royal Ashdown to finish first with 87 points. The Grafton-Morrish is three pairs playing stableford off scratch. The last time we qualified was in 2006. The finals are September 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> at Hunstanton and Branchester. Our team was:

Tony Whitty and Marcus Ferguson-Jones	30 points
Mark Connelly and Adam Kendrick	32 points
Craig Moore and David Hobden	25 points

### 2 Public Schools Putting

On a bright June evening, a team of four putted the testing greens of Royal Wimbledon against seven other old boys' societies in the finals of the Public Schools Putting Competition. Led by Tony Whitty; Martin Riddiford, Adam Kendrick and Craig Moore failed to repeat a good performance in the earlier qualifying round. The competition was won by Tonbridge who the OCs had beat in the qualifying. This was Tonbridge's first ever putting win, a feat which the OCs have beaten them to.

The **OCGS putting evening takes place on 8<sup>th</sup> July**. It is open to all members of the OCGS and you are welcome to bring guests and wives. It starts at 17.30 and is followed by supper. If you have not already let Derek Lyons know and you want to attend, **please email Derek at [derek\\_l@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:derek_l@blueyonder.co.uk)**.

### 3 Spring and Autumn Meetings

The Spring Meeting at Liphook was a great success, in spite of rather disappointing numbers. This was due to ill health and injuries and the fact that we had to change the date from the 27<sup>th</sup> May. Tony Whitty won the scratch with 74 and Mickey Moore won the handicap with 40 points. Mark BurrIDGE with 36 points won the Birds Eye Trophy for under 55s and the Vets' Prize was won by Ian Borrow also with 36 points. Liphook is an interesting course and well worth another visit.

Because some members do not want to play 36 holes, **we will reduce prices for those who only want to play 18 or just have lunch with us**. Unfortunately it seems that the 18 hole price with lunch is likely to be only £10 to £15 less than the full price. However, today every penny counts. **Full-time students under 25**

**will continue to be qualify for a 50% reduction in the price of meetings and matches.**

The Autumn Meeting is at West Sussex on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be sent out in early August. Dates and courses of future meetings are:

Spring Meeting	The Berkshire	20 <sup>th</sup> May 2010
Autumn Meeting	West Hill	21 <sup>st</sup> September 2010
Spring Meeting	Liphook	May 2011
Autumn Meeting	Woking	September 2011

#### **4 Summer Invitation Meeting**

Jonathan Williams organised a very enjoyable day at New Zealand GC on 10<sup>th</sup> June. Threatening clouds and light drizzle cleared to give us a mainly dry day, although the wet heather and heavy bunker sand penalized wayward shots. Scores for the day ranged from 48 to 77 stableford points. The 36 hole prize was won by David Knapp and his guest. Mark Burridge produced some excellent trophies to mark this great day in our fixture list.

#### **5 Recent Matches**

April 25 <sup>th</sup>	St George's Hill	Lost 3.5 to 8.5
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Old Amplefordians	Won 4 to 2
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Common Room	Won 3.5 to 0.5
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	School	Lost 1 to 3

The web site [www.OCGS.org.uk](http://www.OCGS.org.uk), which is maintained brilliantly by Michael Crane, gives full results of competitions, matches and the society knock-out.

#### **6 Annual Dinner**

The Annual Dinner will again take place on 5<sup>th</sup> November at Boodles, thanks to Paul Jackson, who is a member. Applications and details will be sent to you in September but **please note full-time students under 25 will pay only £35**. I therefore encourage those younger members to get together a table or two to enjoy what is normally a splendid evening.

#### **7 School Golf Representative**

Peter Kent is moving from Cranleigh to Oundle at the end of this term and his place has been taken by Sarah Greenwood. Sarah, who teaches maths, is a member of Bramley as well as Trevoise. She played in the Common Room match last week and we discussed ways in which we could encourage leavers to join

the society, including a subsidised match for those in their 20s at one of the “lesser” (therefore less expensive) clubs in Surrey or at one their home clubs.

## **8 Our Present and Past Presidents**

As always, it is a great pleasure to see our president, Geoff Bennett, come to our events. He played in the Spring Meeting as well as the match against the Common Room. At the age of 83, he climbed the steep hills of Bramley Golf Club like a thirty year-old and looked far less tired than many of us who are twenty-plus years his junior, when we met in the club house for a well deserved drink!

Geoff also played in the match against the School at Walton Heath. He paired with Robin Elsdon-Dew to lose against two talented and long-hitting sixth form girls. I am told it is the first time the School has fielded girls against the OCs and it was good to see such a spirited match between two pairs of golfers separated by some sixty years in age but linked by a love of the game.

Both our past presidents, Bobby Stovold and Robin Elsdon-Dew, have been selected to play in the Bunny Millard Salver at West Hill on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

Enjoy the rest of the season.

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