



Seniors Section Newsletter July 2021



Editorial comment,

Normality continues to return and finally, the bar is the venue for the Thursday draw. Time once again to put the world to rights and finally stop one member claiming a 2 pint (yes pint, not point) disadvantage over the rest of the field. Definitely nothing in the R & A rule book that says if you can't get a beer, you are awarded a handicap adjustment (or even the right to complain).

Results

August 5th Roll Up

40 points was more than enough for John Watson to win, 3 ahead of Pat Bloom our regular lady participant of Senior Comps.

BF9 Rob Cottingham. BB9 Dave Plant. 2's: Rob. Cottingham 7th Brian Harrison 17th. and Max Webb 2nd also took a share

August 12th Roll Up The extended dry period and long ball run, shortened the course significantly, reflecting in the scores. First was Max Webb with an exceptional score of 44 pts followed by Ray Dowland on 42pts. Also, in the prizes Ron Needham 38pts, Brian Harrison 38pt and Clint Allen 38pts.

NTP Ray Dowland. BF9: Jonathan Harper. BB9: Trevor Walker. 2's: Clint Allen 17th Graham Wilson 2nd and 17th

August 19th Roll up. Another very high scoring comp, three players on 42 points decided after count back, 1st John Watson (again), 2nd Jim Rorison and 3rd Pat Bloom (again in the money) BF9: Mick Bush. BB9: Dave Plant. 2's: Jim Rorison twice, John Watson, Colin Lockwood, Robin Cottingham and Clint Allen

York Cup Round 2.

Several high scoring rounds, Trevor Walker's 40 points was highest on the day. However, in the best 2 of 3 format currently there is no clear leader, the highest combined score is 71, leading to an interesting final round. 14 players have recorded a round of 36 or better and all have to be in contention.

All August competitions won with a score of 40 points or better!!!

Order of Merit, All very close at the top Mike Walton 20 points and Roger Davey, Max Webb and Alan Brown only 2 points adrift. All to play for.

Matches. Captain's reports.

P:11 W: 7 L: 4 D:0

Ladies Won 5:3 Enjoying almost perfect conditions, the return match against the Ladies proved a very tense affair. With three matches going to the wire, the standout result was provided by Messrs. Deeping & Boot, with a 5 & 4 victory.

Woolfox (H) Won 31/2 to 21/2 Thorney reversed the heavy defeat earlier in the season with a narrow victory. Best result for the home team was the pairing of Kennedy/Linskey with a 6 & 5 win.

Rutland Water (A) Won 31/2 to 21/2

Despite winning the 1st two matches, Thorney had to wait until the last match to secure the victory. The pairing of Kennedy/Ford team of the day with 4 & 2 win.

Tydd St Giles Lost 41/2 to 11/2

A heavy home defeat, only the pairing of Cannings/Unwin secured a half whilst the Captain and Malcolm Robinson recorded a full point with an extraordinary 8&7 win closing out on the 12th hole.

Old Nene (A) won 31/2 to 21/2

With ex-officio Bob Ford in charge, a nervy start, losing the 1st two matches. The result was in doubt until the pairing of Deeping & Mann came in with a 2 & 1 win, securing the victory for Thorney.



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Ladies and Seniors Past Captains

Curiously still not part of the main club past captain's competition, perhaps one day the main committee will take a more inclusive approach!!! A dominant day for the ladies. Following the usual courtesy shot / no courtesy shot debate, the ladies won that one and also took all the prizes. On the day the extra shot was irrelevant with several excellent high scoring performances.

Winner of the trophy with an extraordinary 46 points Cherry Harpham followed by Gill Wilson 38 points and third Diane Willis on count back from Ann Edwards. Ladies NTP was Diane Willis.

The only Senior on the prizes list by virtue of fact NTP on 17th was exclusive to male past captains, Mike Walton.



A special word of thanks to 2020 Seniors Captain Bob Ford who sponsored the generous prizes and the lunch afterwards.

Captains Open Charity Day.



Not strictly an August event but well worth reporting early. An 85 strong field, including many visitors, enjoyed a day on the course and ploughman's lunch to follow. Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall, an excellent charity, profited well and a total of £2,270 was raised for the worthy cause. As well as the usual raffle, auctioneer for the day, Graham Hustler as the name implies managed to extract significant sums out of the group for items under the hammer.

The very high scoring continues, played on a very dry course in calm conditions the winners of each section did not disappoint.

Members: 1st John Unwin 43pts 2nd Mike Walton 40pts, 3rd Colin Lockwood 40pts, 4th Robin Cottingham 40pts

Ladies: - 1st Anne Edwards 39pts, 2nd Ruth Rickett 37pts

Guests: 1st Paul Rose (Rutland Water) 44pts, 2nd Dave Harrison (Old Nene) 41pts, 3rd Stuart Westmoreland (Rutland Water) 39pts and 4th Dennis Ward (Old Nene) 38pts

NtP: 2nd--John Unwin, 7th--Pat Bloom 11th--Andy Parrott (Woolfox) 17th--Mike Walton

Lost Balls: Nigel Bryan--closest on 149. Actual number was 147.



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Forthcoming events.

September	2nd	Open Charity Day	October	7th	York Cup R3 (OoM)	Committee meeting
	9th	Medal OoM		14th	Texas Scramble	
	Mon 13th	Oundle (A) 9am		21st	Traffic Lights	
	16th	Autumn Better Ball Pairs		Sun 24th	Captains Drive Out	
	23rd	Roll Up Heacham Manor (H) 9a		28th	Neil's Test	Committee meeting
	30th	Roll Up Toff (A) 9am				

From Tydd St Giles Seniors

Invitation Day Friday 8th October 2021.

Once again it is time to start the arrangements for Invitation Day as Seniors Captain Trevor Sewell It's my pleasure to formally invite you to enter a team from your Seniors Section to compete for the Tydd Trophy. Each team will consist of 6 players who will play in pairs.

Each pair will play in a 4 ball better ball stableford with a pairing from another club. Points accrued from each pairing within the team will be added together to form the team's final points total. The team with the highest number of points will be the winners.

All players to play off yellow tees.

Nearest the pin on all par 3's 4th, 8th, 11th, 16th holes.

Entry fee is £22 per player. Total team £132.

Coffee on arrival Halfway House and 2 course meal after the game. Trevor Sewell Senior Captain

Entry Form on the Seniors Notice Board

Obstacles on the course

Courses have hazards, all have bunkers, some have water, others trees, dogleg holes and some challenging rough. Some golfers like the novelty of "crazy golf" putting on courses with windmills and tunnels, but as one member found out Thorney offers the lot and more.

Striking a ball from the 17th tee, avoiding the reeds and the water but hitting the inanimate "abandoned lake cruiser" across the water only to lose the ball in the rough 150 yards away to the left of the pin. Thorney always offered something different, hey Trev, what do you think?





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Ancestry

Can you see the likeness in the picture?

One member has for some time mapped his family tree only to discover assassins, villains, landlords and noble men until this gentleman popped up, Mr Reginald Edghill, Founding President of Sitwell Park Golf Club.

Wishing to research further and play his great Uncle's course Graham H. headed north to the uncharted waters of Rotherham. (yes Rotherham!!!) Accompanied by the Ed to confirm validity, a search of the various honours boards revealed Reginald's wife Dora as a trophy winner and daughter Joan as a former ladies Captain and winner of a number of board comps.

Reginald's picture holds pride of place to greet all comers to the clubhouse.

Much interest from the Club chairman and Pro that a family member should visit, and a trophy in the family name had been played only days earlier.

Rotherham is not the most likely of golfing locations, but Sitwell Park is an exceptional course, beautifully maintained, set in a valley and with challenges perhaps more suitable for a mountain goat. Two "fenmen" using push trollies caused some amusement....oh yes booze is as cheap as chips. Well worth the ride to salute the old man and play a great course.

Foot note obviously golf is in the genes, how many sub generations does it take for the golfing talent and good looks to fade!!!



Yes, there is a finishing green up there.

One of many three club hill-top holes. The photo belies the slope.