

OFGS Autumn Meeting 2022

The meeting was held in windy, but mainly sunny conditions on Friday, 16th September at Aldeburgh Golf Club. We were pleased to welcome Nick Gandy who joined us for the morning's play and lunch. It was also good to see Connor O'Leary playing. He had made the long car journey from St. Andrews on Thursday and had introduced his contemporary, James Simpson, to OF golf. Welcome James.

Numbers were down to 16 this year due to holidays and injuries. A bad road accident on the Orwell Bridge on Friday morning delayed two of our members by around 30 minutes, but, fortunately they arrived in time for us all to have teed off by the end of our agreed times! The course was in magnificent condition but the strong north westerly wind presented a stiff challenge as witnessed by the lower than usual scores. The one exception to this was local member Robin Anderton, who scored 37 points on handicap and 23 off scratch. There were a number of rain showers during the day, but these were generally short lived.

After the usual fine lunch and hospitality provided by David Wybar and his team, 12 members ventured out for the afternoon round.

All was going according to plan for 9 holes in the foursomes when, on the 10th hole, Hugh Curle was struck a sickening blow on the head by an errant ball. He was rushed into the nearby clubhouse, where the Professional and another member of staff were able to bandage the wound. Hugh called this his "Terry Butcher moment"! When he had recovered enough, James Blyth drove him to Ipswich Hospital A&E where he received excellent treatment. I am pleased to report that he had a CT scan which showed concussion, but nothing worse, and had the 4 cm wound to his forehead stitched up.

The results are shown below –		Points
Coronation Cup (best overall)	Andrew Wright	32
Le May Cup (scratch)	Robin Anderton	23
1st Div 1	James Brocks	31
2nd Div 1	Mike Schneidau	30
Foursomes	James Brocks & Barry Hitchcock	27 acb last 3 holes
Lamb Trophy (best comb. Div 1)	James Brocks	66
Howard Smith Cup (best comb. Div 2)	Andrew Wright	64
Mayhew/Sneath Salver (9 holes)	Robin Anderton	19

We look forward to returning to Aldeburgh on **Friday, 8th September** next year.