

Senior Men's Golf Chair's Report – 19th June 2026



Why do we always talk about the weather? The last four weeks answers that question – from the sublime, if you like very hot weather, to the ridiculous with torrential rain threatening to spoil our fixtures. I suppose the rain will be welcome to David and his team and now we are back to hot sunny weather.

As presaged in previous reports we celebrated the Club's 125th anniversary in style on 27th May with a shotgun start. 53 players turned up to play the course as it was originally designed i.e. 1-3, 8-14, 4-7, 15-18. If that confuses you then you will not be surprised that one or two almost got lost! There were a number of prizes to which the Club contributed and a spin-the-wheel on the 13th to choose a club – putter to driver.

Playing the course in that order seemed to work well. There are no walks between green and tees so play is speeded up considerably.

Closest to the pin on the 14th was won by Julian Bass and the straightest drive on the 16th was won by straight hitting Nigel Brown – Aaron Rai like in its accuracy. In equal second place for the team Stableford were Julian Bass, Michael Innes and John Tyrwhitt and Danny Gesua, Geoff Bradford and Evert-Johan Schenk with 78 points. The winners by one point were with a combined age of 260, David Bouch, Michael Godfrey and Clive Nicholson with 79 points.



On a rainy day on 8th June we held the Seniors 80+ Open Stableford competition. It was closely fought. Considering the conditions the scoring was excellent. The Open Champion

with 36 points was Nigel Karmel followed by Hassan Dajani in second place on countback and Peter Sabine both with 35 points.

Other results

As the course was busy with other events apart from the anniversary celebration mentioned above we have only had one competition to report. On 10th June we held a Joker competition which was won convincingly by Alun Hughes, John Cardwell, Peter Ryan-Bell and Brad Sutherland with an adjusted score of 90 points. The runners up were Kevin Doyle, Donald Mckenzie and Nicolas De Wasseige with 87 points.

Despite a heavy loss, as usual, away to Leatherhead the Seniors' teams have had a successful run recently winning away at Coombe Wood and for the first time for ages at Coombe Hill. In the latter match despite 4 games going to the 18th we did not lose a match and won 5-1 overall. Stephen Jones maintained his 100% record and Nigel Wright (7 over after 17 holes) carried your Chairman around the course for a 2/1 win in the top match. Earlier this week we convincingly beat Surbiton.

Forthcoming events

Our Annual Invitation Day takes place on 1st July. It is a good opportunity to show a guest around the course and the Club as well as sampling a three-course meal and some wine. There are still places available so I hope that you will join in with a guest.

Other news

Most of you will now have heard that Matt Fidler and Oli Vargo will be leaving for pastures new very shortly. Matt is off to Australia with his girlfriend and Oli is going to work for DPWorld. Ethan Sale has already joined us to take Oli's place – welcome Ethan – I look forward to working with him in the future. Recruitment for Matt's position is well in hand. This will be the last report to which Matt and Oli will have contributed either with photos or factual corrections. I wish to express my thanks to both of them for the support they have given me over the last two years as your Chair. They always respond to my queries promptly and efficiently and help me come to a view on issues raised by Members. They have been reliable and friendly and I will miss them both. I believe that the Seniors as a whole would also like me to thank them both on your behalf.

Nicholas Brown, Senior Men's Golf Chair