

OGGS Roundup 2021/2022 – Andrew Gordon Windmill 1971

It was exciting to meet again, some old faces and some new ones at Nairn in September last year. Our first meeting in two & half years and the first golf match the School had played in over two years. It was also a sad moment as we remembered some good friends who were no longer with us.

What had intended to be two days of golf, first at Nairn and then at Moray turned out to be only one as a sea haar sat over Lossiemouth for most of the day with the golf course remaining shut until 3pm. We had an excellent match against the School at Nairn, which finished tied at 3 – 3 and on the Friday morning, in the gloom of the sea mist, the new golf practice facilities, which are beside Windmill House, were opened. Three driving bays and golf nets had been gifted by the members of OGGs and the practice putting green and equipment were gifts from James Thomas and his family.

In late April this year we returned our annual fixture to its usual date with the School winning the match 4 – 2 at Moray Old. The School now, not only, hold the Richard Devey Quaich but are ahead in the number of wins. The Annual Meeting was held at Nairn were a very good score of 36 points by Kirsten McNutt was pipped at the post by the Captain who came in with 37 points. Though for many the highlight was Stephen Gale-Batten winning the longest drive of the day. The best golf of the day actually came from our two guests, Rory MacEwan (member of the sports teaching group) who had a gross 68 and Scott Brown (member of the School team) a gross 73.

Most importantly, we also remembered our past Treasurer, Martin Scriven, and a founder of OGGs having renamed the over 70s trophy “The Scriv”. It was a happy event with the first winner of the trophy being John Nicholson.

We also had our regular meeting in early April at Ilkley, which is followed by the Yorkshire GA dinner and was attended by Steve Brown who told us many an amusing tale as well as giving an update on School matters. This event is wonderfully organised by Keith Drummond-Brassington and I encourage any OGs to attend to play golf or just attend the dinner.

I would be remiss without reporting the best ever finish by the OGs in the London Scottish Schools match at Denham in June. A team of David White, Bill Logan, Mike Doughty & Andrew Gordon finished second beaten only by two points by Kelvinside Academy B.

Fixtures for 2023

I’m delighted to report that we will be returning our Annual Meeting fixture to Castle Stuart for the first time since 2019. Any golfer would be thrilled to have the opportunity to play at Castle Stuart and if they wish combine that with a game at Nairn the day before. Two of the very best golf courses in the UK.

OGGS events are open to any OG or their families and friends of Gordonstoun whether or not you are a member of OGGs. Membership of OGGs is a £20 annual subscription but free

until the age of 30 and members of OGGs under 30 only have to pay 50% of the entry fees to our meetings except for the annual meeting where the full entry fee is payable.

The OGGs committee is also delighted to support any OG who would like to organise an OG golf event in addition to the fixtures listed below.

Ilkley and GA dinner Friday 31 March (probable date)

Match v School Nairn Thursday 27 April

Annual Meeting Castle Stuart Friday 28 April

London Scottish Schools Denham Tuesday 27 June. (The event is for teams of four and we are very keen to put out as many teams as we can)