

Old Tauntonian Golfing Society

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Dear OT Golfers,

Belatedly may I wish you all a very Happy New year with plenty of good golf. My wife and I have just returned from a trip to Australia, and I am now pleased to be able to send you details of this year's events.

In spite of Covid all the regular competitions took place in 2021, though with some changes of dates. The Halford Hewitt was postponed until September and Swinley until November; again, many thanks to David Murrell for organising the latter. While failing to qualify for the Grafton Morrish our teams did progress beyond the first round in the Cyril Gray, the Brent Knoll Bowl and the HH. The local West events also took place thanks to Hugh Todd, and we were pleased to see school participants in these.

Golf at the school remains in the doldrums; there has been no golf in the Senior School for the past two years and there are almost no golfers here - just a couple with handicaps 12 -18. On the positive side Clive Large tells me that golf in the Junior School is strong with several very good players so with a new master in charge for golf in the Senior School there is hope. The new master is Liam Dempster who plays off 7 and is very keen to get things moving. We hope to welcome some of his young players to the Thone Cup and Rose Bowl events this season.

Once again, we held the OTGS AGM on Zoom in August and had more involved than last year and indeed more than on some occasions when we met in person! All the officials were re-elected again (what a surprise!) but please start looking for a new secretary as the incumbent will be retiring this year after 16 years.

Our finances remain secure thanks to the guiding hand of Richard Norris with £9.255k in reserve. This is almost entirely due to the generosity of just a few members. There is no compulsory subscription to the OTGS, and we now have fewer than 20 regular donors both out of the regular players and of the 120+ who are/have been involved and whom I am now contacting. Surely, we can do better than this? The important competitions are expensive to enter, and I hope that we all want our participation in the prestigious ones to continue. If you feel so moved, please send a donation/subscription to the Treasurer Richard Norris at 26 Sutton Court, Chiswick, London W4 3JE or by BACS to sort code 60-10-07, a/c 33210896.

Below are the details of this year's events. Please don't wait to be asked to take part; we hope that you will enjoy playing in some of them. Just contact the Match Manager, details below. Finally, if you know of OT golfers who are not on the OTGS radar or have just taken up golf please put them in touch with me.

EVENTS 2022

Society Meetings (all welcome)

08/03/22	(Tu)	Invitational Meeting	Swinley Forest	David Murrell
01/05/22	(Su)	Thone Cup & OTGS vs TS	Taunton & Pickeridge	Hugh Todd/Clive Large
TBC	(Su)	Fairwater Cup & AGM & OTGS Championship	St George's Hill GC	Richard Willacy/Clive Large
12/08/22	(Fr)	Invitational Meeting	Reigate Heath GC	Richard Willacy
25/09/22	(Su)	Rose Bowl	Oake Manor GC	Hugh Todd

Scratch Competitions (Bona fide OTs only)

25-27/03/22	(F-S)	Brent Knoll Bowl (Friday Practice)*	Burnham & Berrow GC	Richard Willacy
5-10/04/22	(T-S)	Halford Hewitt (Tues/Weds Pracice)*	Deal/Sandwich	Richard Willacy
22/05/22	(Su)	Grafton Morrish Qualifier	Worplesdon	Richard Willacy
22-25/06/22	(W-S)	Cyril Gray (over 50s, Weds Practice)	Worplesdon	David Morgan
6-9/10/22	(T-S)	Grafton Morrish Finals (Thurs Practice)	Hunstanton/Brancaster	Richard Willacy

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With all good wishes for 2022,

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