



# John O'Gaunt Golf Club

Magazine - June 2019



## Champion Golfers



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# Search for new General Manager re-starts

AT last the rain arrived and both courses are freshening up nicely for the busy season ahead of us.

Our thanks to Nigel Broadwith and his team for successfully navigating us through the long dry spell. It's been a challenge!

As you'll see in this edition, golf at John O'Gaunt is in great shape with competitions well supported across all sections.

It's good to see new names on the start sheet playing alongside the regulars, and congratulations to everybody who featured on the leaderboards this month.

As you'll have read in the various notices, it's regrettable that Barry Careford chose to withdraw his job acceptance as our new General Manager - citing a change in his personal circumstances.

The new owners of Chesfield Downs made a counter offer for him to remain as their General Manager, which Barry has chosen to accept.

The recruitment process has been re-started with immediate effect.

Simon Davis will still be leaving as planned, and measures are being taken for managing the club in his absence. An update will be posted in due course as more information becomes available.

Once again, please join me in thanking Simon for his support as caretaker General Manager, and to his team for their professionalism throughout this period. We wish Simon and his family all the best for their new life together on the south coast.

In last month's edition, our President spoke of a revised plan for refurbishing the clubhouse. It's an exciting prospect for the club which now has the full support of your committee, so it's time to share information with the club as a whole.

A presentation is currently being prepared and a plan for communicating this material will be posted shortly. Our architect, Mark Chandler, will be on hand to describe technical aspects of the revised plan.

Mark has an in-depth working knowledge of our club and brings valuable experience from the successful changing room and undercroft storage project.

Finally, it's been great to see so many members and visitors enjoying the new patio furniture with a drink and a bite to eat. As you may be aware, the uneven patio is due to be replaced as part of the refurbishment, along with replacing the conservatory, providing disabled access at the front entrance and a re-work of our internal decor.

The aim is to create a clubhouse environment which is both affordable and which members and visitors choose as their destination. Spaces which encourage us to gather and have fun. To provide a facility which future members of the club would be proud to inherit.

Our thanks to the refurbishment and house committee teams who are working hard to meet our expectations. And thank you for your patience as your club continues to develop.

Phil Haddow - Captain 2019



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## Tap-Ins

**THERE** are still spots available to take part in the Captain's Day on Sunday, July 7th. Open to all members, entertainment is provided by the Mike Kemp Jazz Trio from 5pm.

KEITH Fuller's winning scorecard in the Vice-Captain's Cup was packed full of gross pars and gross bogeys as the 16-handicapper triumphed with an excellent score of 42 points.

**MEMBERS** and guests danced under the stars with The Funky Fusion Dance Band in the John O'Gaunt Summer Ball on Friday, June 21st.

PAST Club member Mark Wharton enjoyed his return to John O'Gaunt for the Club Pro-Am as he grabbed the team prize with Ian McGregor, Justin Rhodes and Brett Gilbert (all pictured). James Scade was the leading pro with a magnificent 66.



**GREG Osborne's** first ever career hole-in-one on the 10th hole helped the John O'Gaunt A team of Scott Armitage and Rob Dobson finish second in the Peak Production Invitational. A young Gog Magog B team won the event.

JUST 0.1 points was the margin of victory in the Ken Robinson Scramble as the team of Colin Fox, John Sandland, Jack Shepherd and Geoff Stevens edged out Keith Blankley, David Gauge, Gordon Goodchild & Richard Munns (58.3).

**ENTRIES** are being taken for the Captain's Charity Day on Tuesday, September 3rd. With golf, prizes, auction lots, food and drink on offer, anyone wishing to enter a team needs to return their form to Wendy in the office asap.

**ANDREW Wallington** and **Kate Wallington** are the latest of a line of new members joining John O'Gaunt Golf Club. As always, if you see them around the Club please say hello and make them feel welcome.

**THERE** are plenty of opportunities to advertise in the John O'Gaunt Golf Club Magazine over the coming months. Please contact the Club Office to get your message across to the members, guests and visitors.

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## Happy Birthday, John O'Gaunt Ladies

THE Past Captains of the Ladies Section at John O'Gaunt Golf Club celebrated the Section's 90th Anniversary at the Annual Past Captains Match and Lunch which was held at the Club on June 13th.

The Ladies Section was formed in 1929 at Mid Beds Golf Club, which was on Biggleswade Common, and remained active until the club was forced to close due to World War Two.

After the war, the members of Mid Beds Golf Club purchased Sutton Park and renamed it John O'Gaunt Golf Club and the rest, as they say, is history!



# I'm getting prepared for my Captain's Day



LADIES Captain Dawn French said: "What a busy month we've had on the competition front in very mixed weather conditions!

"In early May, the Captain's Cup was won by Hazel House, with a net 75 on countback from three others and the Audrey Shuter Cup was won by Chantal Floyd with 34 points.

"Two days later, we faced very blustery conditions, and hailstones for the majority of us, as the Under-12 Handicap Shield, Teens Trophy and 20's Cup were played for.

"I managed to shoot 36 points to win the former, while Amy Strange (33) and Anne Marie Evelyn (32) took home the spoils in the other two competitions.

"A fantastic 'Summery' day dawned on for our Spring Closed Meeting as 51 ladies battled with the John O'Gaunt course for the medal round.

"The winners were Hazel House (Division 3, net 78), Diane Munns (Division 2, net 76) and in Division 1 and also taking the Spring Scratch Trophy with a gross 74/net 73 was Yvette Bunker-Dare (pictured left, with myself), who also lifted the team stableford prize alongside June Evans and Pat Court.

"The month of June continues to be busy, so don't forget to sign up for the Charity Cup and Spoon on the 20th, the Sir Malcolm Stewart on the 24th and Silver Salver on the 29th along with the medal and stablefords throughout the month.

"The Swinden Cup is open for entry also followed by lunch and a raffle for the BLCGA Junior Girls.

"My Captain's Day takes place on Sunday, July 28th and the list has gone up and is filling up fast. Michael has assured me that, with a shotgun start, several tees can be doubled up on so there will be room for all!

"I will be doing my drive-in at approximately mid-day and I have Stacey singing on the patio (weather permitting) whilst we enjoy a hog roast after playing.

"If you are unable to play but wish to join me for the evening please sign up on the list. Details of the men's competition can be found both in the spike bar and downstairs foyer with the sign up sheet going up early July in the main entrance.

"Let's hope that we have the weather like we did for the Spring Closed so we can enjoy the lovely new patio furniture.

"Away from John O'Gaunt, the 2019 BLCGA Ladies County Championship and Spring Meeting took place over at Bedford and County Golf Club.

"In the County Championships, Caitlin Thomas and myself flew the flag for John O'Gaunt ladies and we both made it through qualifying, before meeting in the knockout stages.

"Caitlin beat me, and played some beautiful golf over the three days and went on to finish runner-up in a tough battle against Annabel Pitts - only losing out on the last hole. Her sterling efforts were rewarded by earning a place in the BLCGA first team for County Week, so well done Caitlin and good luck.

"There was good representation in both the Division 1 and 2 Spring Meeting with Hilary Pearmain taking a prize for second in the net and Sandra Gardner picking up third in the gross.

"Joan Cocksedge, meanwhile, attended a three day seminar run by the R&A on Tournament Administration and Refereeing with a level 3 exam - this is the highest level of Rules qualification offered by the R&A and I'm pleased to say that she passed with distinction. Well done, Joan."





**Are you  
ready for  
Captain's  
Day?**

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# PHIL HADDOW'S CAPTAIN'S DAY

Sunday 7 July 2019



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# Club regain Lancaster Trophies in annual contest

THE 56th running of the John O'Gaunt versus The Stage Golfing Society match was blessed with glorious sunshine on June 8-9th.

The traditional event, which was first played in 1963, involved two days of golf, a match dinner on the Saturday, with entertainment, comedy sketches and music from the Stage Golfers.

With great food and drinks on the terrace, the Club regained the Lancaster Trophies with a 12-9 win.

Pictured left-to-right: Peter Temple (Stage Golfing Society Captain), Phil Haddow (John O'Gaunt GC Captain), John Peters (Secretary SGS) and Peter Horlock (Club Vice Captain and organiser).



# Albone grabs Seniors Club crown in bad weather

DAVID Albone produced a consistent round of 80 to lift the Seniors Club Championship title for the first time with a one shot success from Tom McEvoy in difficult weather conditions.

Although the seven-handicapper (pictured left, with Club Captain Phil Haddow, and runner-up McEvoy) didn't manage to card a birdie during his round, he kept the big numbers off his scorecard to grab top spot.

With a field of 120 golfers taking part, the best net score was Ian Murray's 72, while Jeff Wilson compiled the leading stableford tally of 35 points. The winners and runners-up in the various age groups also collected prizes.

In the Carthagena Bowl, three consecutive gross birdies in the middle of the front nine sent Jay Billings and Ben Hull (pictured below right) on the way to victory as the duo finished with 48 points. A strong finish earned second for Thomas Dupuy and Mark Wright (44) by one from four pairings.





# John O'Gaunt Juniors continue to lead the way

JUNIOR Organiser Sue Lee said: "Lots of the juniors have been revising hard for their exams which are nearly over so we hope their results give them their reward.

"We will be glad to see them back with the section, entering the numerous competitions and playing in the various matches coming up.

"We ran the Matt Gentle Memorial Trophy on May 26th. The 10th anniversary of this special event was very well supported with 21 pairs comprising of an adult with a junior or youth player.

"There was a great family atmosphere in the clubhouse for the presentation and one of the family, Matt's Dad, playing with Eleanor Thomas scored a great 38 points.

"It was enough for third behind runners-up Rachel George and Matt George (40). The winners with an amazing tally of 44 were Junior Patron Martin Pettitt and his junior partner Josh Bareham.

"During half term week, we had the Under 14's and Rookies Cup. James Stocks won the Under 14's with 35 points and Lila Belle Nacca won the Rookies with 33.

"We held the annual Patron's Junior Inter Club Trophy at John O'Gaunt on June 9th against teams from Beadlow Manor and The Bedfordshire.

"Unfortunately Leighton Buzzard pulled out at the last minute, so Beadlow and ourselves fielded two teams.

"The format was teams of three with best two scores counting playing off scratch over 18 holes.

"Holders Beadlow's 'A' team came second with 179 but the John O'Gaunt 'A' team of Caitlin Thomas, Joe Clark and James Stocks won with 170.

"Caitlin has also featured in our individual junior successes with a brilliant runner up slot at Bedfordshire Ladies County Championships and she also joins Lawrence Jeffreys at the English Schools National finals on June 24th.

"They both qualified from the South East Schools Championships where Lawrence (pictured right) was Bedfordshire's top boy with a six over par gross score for 36 holes.

"Caitlin was seven over for the 36 holes and finished in second place. Jess Sporre also represented Bedfordshire in this competition and although not getting to the finals she has had a great season and seen her handicap come down from 14 to nine this year.

"We of course have lots of higher handicap juniors and new recruits that we are encouraging to play in our competitions.

"And we continue to have roll ups with our less experienced juniors going out for a few holes on the Carthage Course.

"We hope very soon to be able to have some beginners competitions on the blue course.

"There is lots to be optimistic about in the junior section at John O'Gaunt Golf Club."

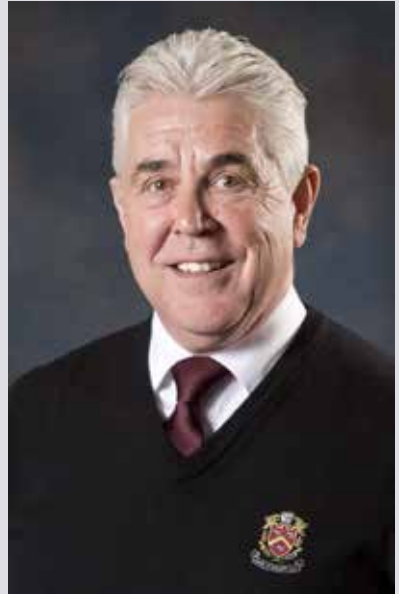


# Davis ends years of loyal service as Club General Manager

OUTGOING General Manager Simon Davis (pictured) is leaving John O'Gaunt Golf Club on Friday, June 21st after holding the position for over a decade.

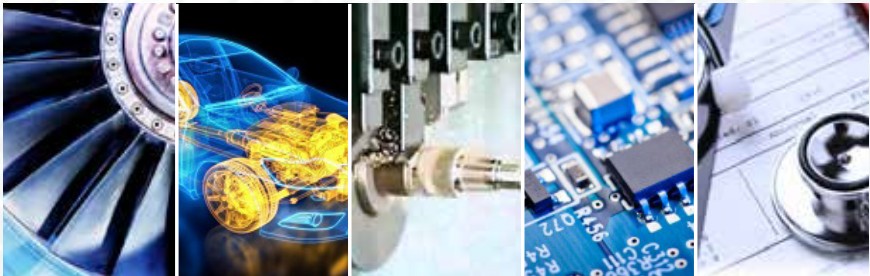
Only Colonel Sholto Barnes, who was in a charge from 1962 to 1976, has been in the role for longer.

- 1945 - George Styles
- 1950 - W G Groves
- 1951 - W H Conney
- 1952 - Maurice Foster (Club Professional)
- 1953 - Olive Pybus
- 1953 - Tom Milroy
- 1953 - Vivien Guy
- 1962 - Colonel Sholto Barnes
- 1976 - Phillip Carlisle
- 1982 - David Wallace
- 1990 - Ian Simpson
- 1998 - Tony Dunlop
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- 2009 - Simon Davis



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# Perhaps it's time to up our fitness regime!

SENIORS Captain Dave Gauge, pictured right, said: "May proved to be an even busier month than April with five matches and a competition to fit in with a pile up of knock out matches, for both Club and Senior sections.

"Finding the time to arrange dates is a trial at times, one wonders how people used to manage with only a paper diary and home phone as a means of communication. I guess they used to talk to each other.

"I sometimes think that all the advancement in electronic means of communication is not necessarily a thing for the better. Certainly, amongst our members this is still something to be grasped.

"However, back to the matches. Of the five played in May, I am afraid to report that we only won one, losing the others.

"Even worse is that of the four defeats, two of them were played at home, where we usually expect to win the majority. Perhaps it is time to up our fitness regime!

"The single competition played was the Ken Robinson Texas Scramble, played to the Marquis of Queensbury rules, which our organiser kindly had printed on the scorecard so nobody was in any doubt as to who could play what shots. As nobody was disqualified this must have worked ok.

"The weather held fair, and a close result ended with the team of Keith Blankley, Gordon Goodchild, Richard Munns and myself narrowly losing to Jack Shepherd, John Sandland, Colin Fox and Geoff Stevens.

"It was nice, unless you were playing in it, to see some rain falling on the courses in recent days which is most welcome in the quest to recover from the dry summer, autumn and spring we have just endured."



*IN the second of a series of short features on the history of the Seniors Section at John O'Gaunt, 2019 Captain Dave Gauge looks back at how it has developed over the years.*

Gauge explained: "Last month I dealt with how the senior section was born. This month we will briefly look at the ensuing years of development.

"After its inception, one of the first things that was attempted was to arrange matches against other local clubs.

"This did not prove easy at first as not many clubs at that time had an organised Senior Section. It appears even then, John O'Gaunt was leading the way.

"One of the first matches was against Harpenden Common (pictured above), a match still in force today, where members thought it was relatively flat and not too difficult.


"As the section, grew it became necessary to have a secretary. The first in this role was John Freedman who served for a total of eight years.

"As well as matches John got agreement from the committee to hold internal competitions. The first of these was the Annual Medal Trophy in 1979, for which John donated the trophy. This is still played for to this day."





# New local rules on both golf courses



CHAIR, Course & Golf Committee's Pauline Aubigne said: "There is not too much to report this month, but all the messages are significant, so please read on!

"Firstly, please be aware of the new local rules in relation to both courses.

"These can be found on the notice board in the downstairs foyer.

"In particular, we have covered Out of Bounds for both courses; Preferred Lies (players must, of course, check if these are in operation on the day of competitions); Relief from Aeration Holes; Overhead Power Lines; Abnormal Ground Conditions (Including immovable obstructions); Damage by Animals; Suspension of Play, Course Etiquette and Pace of Play.

"New scorecards will be drawn up in due course.

"As you may be aware, England Golf have now stated that the new World Handicap System is unlikely to be operational until the end of 2020. As yet we have not received our course slope ratings from England Golf – we will keep you informed of progress.

"Following discussions regarding yellow stakes on the 13th hole on the John O'Gaunt Course and the length of brook from the pollination area to the sixth tee, it has been decided that these posts will be changed to RED stakes. The yellow stakes will be replaced very soon.

"We can all help to keep our courses in good condition by replacing divots; repairing pitch marks and please do not take trolleys between our greens and bunkers.

"This year is flying by and, in mid-June, we had some very welcome rain.

"Enjoy your golf, and good luck to everyone taking part in our wide range of competitions."



# Results

## Ladies Stableford - CAR (June 13th):

**1 Rose Wrench (33 points), 2 Dawn French (33), 3 Jane Cooper (30).**

## Ladies Past Captains Salver - CAR (June 13th):

1 Pauline Aubigne (26 points), 2 Theresa Brown (26), 3 Susan Colledge (25).

## Senior Section Championship Trophy - JOG (June 11th):

**1 Steven Clark (net 75), 2= William Burrows (76), 2= Graham Berry (76). Gross: Winner: Malcolm Falconer (85), runner-up: Jack Shepherd (86).**

## Patrons Trophy - JOG (June 9th):

Gross: 1 Caitlin Thomas (80), 2 Jack Munson (87), 3 Joe Clark (90). Net: 1 James Kolek (net 68), 2 Thomas (73), 3 Ben Smart (73).

## Ladies Medal - JOG (June 8th):

**Winner: Yvette Bunker-Dare (net 77), runner-up: Jacqui Bunker-Dare (81).**

## Club Senior Men's Championship - JOG (June 7th):

Gross: Winner: David Albone (80), runner-up: Tom McEvoy (81). Net: Winner: Ian Murray (net 72). Stableford: Winner: Jeff Wilson (35 points).

## Ladies Stableford - JOG (June 6th):

**1 Yvette Bunker-Dare (36 points), 2 Jacqui Bunker-Dare (35), 3 Jane Hector (34).**

## Midweek Stableford - JOG (June 4th):

1 Scott Armitage (36 points), 2 Jay Billings (35), 3 Jack Sauble (34).

## Senior Men's Open - JOG (June 3rd):

**1 Kevin Cartlidge - Brampton Park (37 points), 2 Ray Tempest - Nene Park (35), 3 Malcolm Parkinson - Bury St Edmunds (35).**

## Junior Gaunt Cup - CAR (June 2nd):

1 James Stocks (38 points), 2 Owen Williams (37), 3 Caitlin Thomas (36).

## Vice-Captain's Cup - CAR (June 2nd):

**1 Keith Fuller (42 points), 2 Nicholas Stocker (40), 3 Kevin Kiernan (40).**

## Ladies Stableford - JOG (May 30th):

1 Susan Bryan (34 points), 2 Yvette Bunker-Dare (33), 3 Sandra Gardner (33).

## Midweek Medal - JOG (May 28th):

**1 Jack Sauble, pictured right, (net 67), 2 Matthew Gudgin (67), 3 Bradley Williams (71).**

## Junior U14 Cup & Rookies Cup - JOG (May 28th):

1 James Stocks (35 points), 2 Lila-Belle Nacca (33), 3 Archie Black (24).

## Peak Production 36-hole Trophy - JOG (May 27th):

**Team: Winners: Gog Magog B, runners-up: John O'Gaunt A. Individual: Winner: Oliver Rust (146), runner-up: Tom Rogers (147).**

## Matt Gentle Foursomes Trophy - CAR (May 26th):

1 Joshua Bareham & Martin Pettitt (44 points), 2 Matthew George & Rachel George (40), 3 Kevin Gentle & Eleanor Thomas (39).

## Ladies Spring Closed Medal - JOG (May 23rd):

**1 Yvette Bunker-Dare (net 73), 2 Penelope Fletcher-Gregory (74), 3 Sandra Gardner (76).**

## Midweek Stableford - CAR (May 21st):

1 Trevor Neilson (45 points), 2 Carl Billings (40), 3 John Church (39).

## Carthagena Bowl - CAR (May 19th):

**1 Jay Billings & Ben Hull (48 points), 2 Thomas Dupuy & Mark Wright (44), 3 Stephen Foster & Peter Jarman (43).**

## Ladies Stableford - JOG (May 18th):

1 Joanna Coker (31 points), 2 Rose Wrench (30), 3 Rachel Rushton (30).

## Ladies Team Stableford - JOG (May 16th):

**1 Patricia Sills, Rhona Stallard & Tineke Smith (73 points), 2 Jacqui Davidson, Marion Cooper & Pauline Gauge (71), 3 Katie Ford, Susan Garrard & Anita Isaacson (68).**

## Ladies Medal & Snr 2000 Trophy Qualifier - JOG (May 16th)

1 Dawn French (net 74), 2 Wilma Elam (75), 3 Marian Farrow (77).

## Midweek Stableford - CAR (May 15th):

**1 Carl Scholfield (42 points), 2 Tom Gammell (39), 3 Paul Fletcher (38).**

## Ken Robinson Scramble - CAR (May 14th):

1 Colin Fox, John Sandland, Jack Shepherd & Geoff Stevens (net 58.2), 2 Keith Blankley, David Gauge, Gordon Goodchild & Richard Munns (58.3), 3 William Burrows, Kevin Donnelly, Colin Newbury & Fred Williams (59.8).

## May Medal - JOG (May 12th)

**1 Darren Redman (net 69), 2 Gavin Armitage (71), 3 Colm Moody (71).**



## John O'Gaunt Golf Club

### **CAPTAIN'S CHARITY GOLF DAY and AUCTION**

**Tuesday, September 3rd 2019**



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# Record bird numbers and rare insects in Spring

CONSERVATION Greenkeeper of the Year Steve Thompson said: "It's been an amazing time for birds in the nestboxes on both courses.

"I started checking the boxes towards the end of April and was already finding nests with eggs in. Breeding was starting early this year.

"I ringed the first broods of 10 Blue Tits and seven Great Tits (pictured) on May 6th and continued



until May 28th when I ringed the last brood of four Blue Tits.

"The total so far is 512 - a record-breaking year. This includes a record 174 Great

Tits, 326 Blue Tits, four Jackdaws, one Stock Dove, two Tawny Owls and another first - five Kestrel chicks (pictured below) in the Carthagena box, which were ringed on May 29th.

"They all appeared to be healthy and will hopefully fledge towards the end of June making it our most successful Kestrel box to date.

"When checking the boxes, I managed to catch most and we ringed 340 chicks, which is nearly double our previous best - fingers crossed they all survive.

"Insects too have had a fantastic time recently, including on May 24th, when a rather strange looking insect was found in the clubhouse and I was called to investigate.

"I sought expert advice from an Entomologist. It turned out to be a House Centipede, a Mediterranean species and the second ever record for Bedfordshire and only a handful of records in the UK, so a very rare insect indeed.

"Unfortunately, the Centipede did not survive but it will be sent to the Royal Entomological Societies HQ in Berkshire to add to their official collection of specimens.

"Another new species for the club and me was a Four Spotted Chaser (a dragonfly species) seen flying over the brook in front of the fourth tee on June 6th, that is now the 15th species of dragon/damsel recorded at the club.

"It was quite a warm day and numerous other Dragonflies were about in the same area: Blue Tailed Damsel (pictured right),



Common Blue Damsel, Large Red Damsel, Black Tailed Skimmer and Banded Demoiselle. Just six species on a short stretch of water, amazing!

"Butterflies have been about in good numbers too. The best was a Small Heath seen on the seventh fairway on Carthagena at the start of June, this is a new species for me at the club and makes 24 species now recorded here.

"Other species seen recently include Speckled Wood, Brimstone, Holly Blue, Orange Tip, which was last seen on June 3rd, and Peacock.

"Another remarkable sighting was on June 7th, when I saw a Stoat running across the sixth fairway John O'Gaunt with a Starling in its mouth, I have never seen a Stoat catch a bird before. There have been numerous other sightings of Stoat on both sides recently.

"More of our summer migrants had arrived by mid-May, the first Swallows were sighted on May 7th and Swifts were seen two days later.

"A single Sand Martin was reported on Carthagena in early June, Whitethroat singing regularly on the edge of the practice area and a Cuckoo continued to call until the end of May. Unfortunately, the Willow Warbler has not returned to John O'Gaunt.

"Lastly, after an early morning Dawn Chorus Walk, whilst walking across the practice area I briefly heard a Sedge Warbler singing by the greenkeeper's sheds. Only the second record for the club and not the habitat where you would normally expect to see it.

"What to look for; Dragonflies anywhere along the brook

during hot weather, any Butterfly species, Kestrel, Whitethroat, Sand Martin, Swallow, Swift, Stoat and flocks of Starlings.

"Please continue to report wildlife sightings either via the noticeboard or be contacting me on [steve@johnogauntgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:steve@johnogauntgolfclub.co.uk)."

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## Fixtures

<b>June 2019</b>	<b>Event (Course)</b>
Sat 22nd	June Medal (JOG)
Mon 24th	Sir Malcolm Stewart Cup (JOG)
Tues 25th	Seniors Vs St Neots
Wed 26th	Midweek Stableford (JOG)
	Seniors Ladies Vs Bedfordshire (JOG)
Thurs 27th	Ladies Ping 4BBB (JOG)
Sat 29th	Ladies Silver Salver (CAR)
Sun 30th	Mixed Open (JOG & CAR)
<b>July 2019</b>	
Mon 1st	BLCGA Seniors & Past Captains (JOG)
	Ladies Vs Saffron Walden (JOG)
Thurs 4th	Ladies Swinden Cup (JOG)
Sat 6th	Letchworth Silver Salver Qualifier (JOG)
	Andy Finnigan Memorial Trophy (CAR)
Sun 7th	Captain's Day (Both)
Tues 9th	Seniors' Reg Batson Medal Trophy (Both)
Thurs 11th	Ladies' Stableford (CAR)
Sat 13th	Club and Junior Championship R1 (CAR)
Sun 14th	Club and Junior Championship R2 (JOG)
Tues 16th	Seniors Vs Gog Magog (CAR)
Thurs 18th	Ladies Invitation Day (JOG)
Sat 20th	Ladies Scratch Vs Beds & County (JOG)
Sun 21st	July Medal (CAR)
Tues 23rd	Senior Section Stableford Trophy (JOG)
Thurs 25th	Ladies Grannies Trophy, Par & Grannies (CAR)
Fri 26th	Juniors Burgoyne Cup (JOG)
Sat 27th	Coronation Vase (JOG)
Sun 28th	Ladies Captains Day (JOG)
Mon 29th	Junior Open (JOG)
Tues 30th	Senior Captains Day (JOG)

### Address:

Sutton Park, Sutton,  
Bedfordshire, G9 2LY

### Administration:

01767 260360

Membership & general enquiries  
- option 2

Handicaps, competitions, reservations  
- option 3

### General manager/secretary:

01767 260360 - option 8

**Members and bar:** 01767 263429

### Summer Bar Hours

Monday	11:00am - Close
Tuesday	11:00am - Close
Wednesday	11:00am - Close
Thursday	11:00am - Close
Friday	11:00am - Close
Saturday	10:30am - Close
Sunday	10:30am - Close

### Summer Catering Hours

Monday	8:30am - 6:00pm
Tuesday	8:30am - 6:00pm
Wednesday	8:30am - 9:00pm*
Thursday	8:30am - 6:00pm
Friday	8:30am - 6:00pm
Saturday	7:30am - 6:00pm
Sunday	7:30am - 5:30pm

\* Includes Dining from 6:00pm - 9:00pm