



# John O'Gaunt Golf Club

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# Make a date in your diary for October 17th

WELCOME to this month's Club Magazine with heartfelt thanks to everybody for supporting our Charity Day on September 3rd. Together we raised £8,550 (and counting), which is an amazing achievement and a meaningful contribution to Dementia UK and St John's hospice in Moggerhanger.

The auction lots proved to be really popular this year, and all by courtesy of members and local businesses. Likewise, the tombola table creaked under the weight of prizes, only to be emptied by enthusiastic golfers and visitors to the club.

Once again, a big thank you for the abundant generosity of everybody involved. The proceeds also include a contribution to the running of our Junior Section.

Speaking of which, it was a pleasure to be part of Joe Clark's Junior Captain's Day on August 21st. Well done Joe for keeping a steady hand on the tiller, and judging by Caitlin Thomas' inaugural victory against the club, she's well set to keep the momentum going as our incoming Junior Captain. Congratulations to you both and enjoy the moment!

Turning to the course, it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the stress our fairways are experiencing as a consequence of this drought (a one in 16 year drought), and the recovery plan outlined in this month's course report.

Contesting the various planning objections, and developing our proposal for a reservoir is high on the agenda, ably assisted by experts working on our behalf.

To facilitate fairway irrigation, we need to store water when demand on the sprinkler system is low, including the winter months. Sadly, there are no guarantees in this life, but please be assured that this project continues to grab our full attention.

Please also be assured that every project at the club is taken into consideration when it comes to slicing up the cake. By virtue of us being a members' club we all have a say in approving high value projects. When you read this, it'll probably be mid-monsoon!

A special thanks this month to our treasurer, Peter Wade, and his finance team for presenting our accounts.

Please hold your thoughts and make a date in your diary for the Open Budget Meeting on October 17th when Peter will take questions.

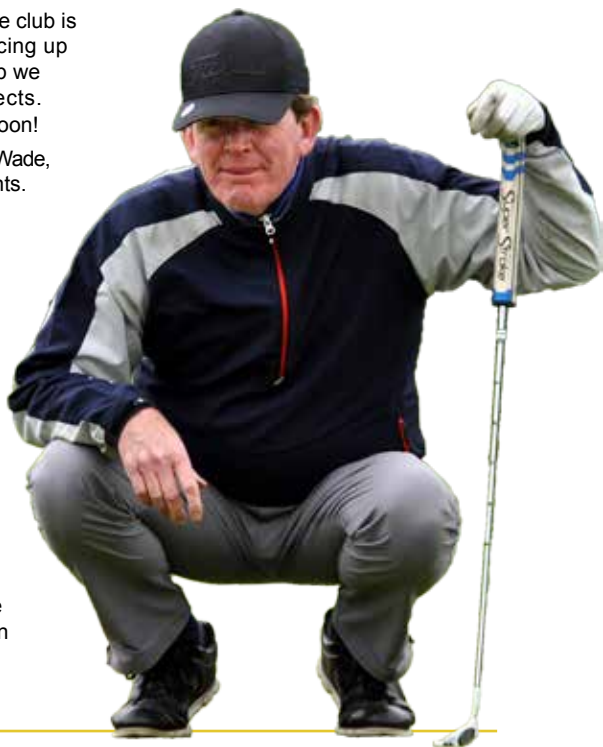
In addition, a high-level update will be provided regarding the developing strategy for the Golf Club, including the golf course and clubhouse.

Just a month in the chair and our General Manager, Gordon MacLeod, has convincingly relinquished his title of 'new man'.

We have seen a steady flow of good work emerging from his office already. And I'm sure more will follow from Gordon on all of this as he continues to settle in.

Swiping leaves off your line and slipping another layer into your golf bag seems to be order of the day, and I hope Autumn treats you well, both on and off the course.

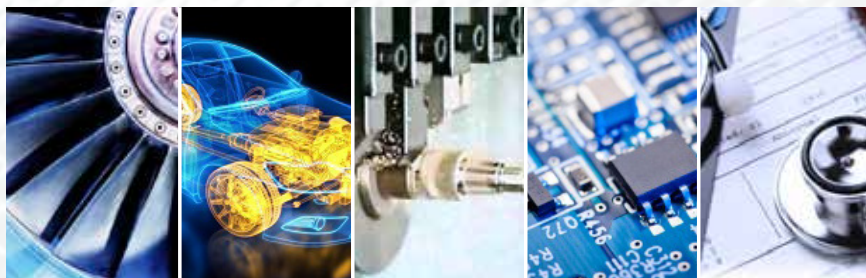
Club Captain 2019 Phil Haddow (pictured)





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## Tap-Ins

**RYAN** Florence found his best form towards the end of the summer as he won the Captain's Shotgun Greensome event with Stuart Hutchison and also carded the leading top division net score in the September Medal.

**FORTY** points was a superb winning score for Ethan Akpan in the Junior Scots Cup as he beat Joshua Bareham and Oliver Neilson by three after carding six net birdies and one net eagle.

**SEVEN** gross pars were on the winning scorecard of John Church in the September Midweek Medal as the high-handicapper posted a round of net 68 on Carthagenia to edge one shot ahead of the chasing pack.

**WENDY** Percival's net 66 led the scoring in the Ladies September Medal on Carthagenia as she beat Joanna Coker by a single stroke.

**MEMBERS** are reminded that to enter the 2020 Competitions they will need to have played in a minimum of three qualifying competitions between January 1st and December 31st. This includes the knockout competitions.

IF you see any litter around the course such as plastic bottles or chocolate wrappers, it might not be yours but do your bit to help the environment and pick it up and put it in the bin. Please keep John O'Gaunt tidy.

**MID-week Medals/Stablefords for October will be published on the website and advertised in the clubhouse. Please join us.**

THE Monthly Medal on Saturday, October 5th will see three balls teeing off from the first hole only on Carthagenia.

THE Carthagenia course is closed on September 23rd and 24th for essential annual maintenance work. Thanks for your patience.

PHOTOS from the Juniors v Club v Scratch Team Tri-Match, including the front page picture, can be viewed at [www.wildimagephotography.net](http://www.wildimagephotography.net).

**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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## Youngsters continue to fly the flag for John O'Gaunt

CAITLIN Thomas skippered the John O'Gaunt Junior side (pictured below) to victory in a regional qualifier for the Home Nations Team Golf event at Essendon GC.

Competing alongside Lawrence Jeffreys, Ethan Akpan, Joe Clark, James Stocks and Bradley Williams at the Hertfordshire venue, Thomas helped the side produce an amazing performance as they defeated Stanmore and Pinner Hill.

The team now move on to the South East semi-finals at Faversham GC on Sunday, October 6th.

John O'Gaunt, meanwhile, are hosting the BLCGA Captain's Fun(d) Day on Thursday, October 3rd with money being raised to support the County Teams and County Juniors Section Coaching.

With around 130 Bedfordshire golfers set to play our course, we have a shotgun start both in the morning and again at 1 pm so it will be a very busy day.





# Junior Captain's Day is a big success for Joe

JUNIOR Organiser Sue Lee said: "The juniors have had a really exciting few weeks with lots of big events thrown into their normal competition fixtures.

"Joe Clark (pictured) got the ball rolling with the Junior Captain's Day. There was a great turn out for his special day with three trophies to play for in the morning and a nine-hole Texas Scramble in the afternoon.

"There was some excellent scoring in the morning with the Captain's Shield being claimed by Lawrence Jeffreys with a gross 77. Captain-to-be Caitlin Thomas was runner up.

"In the net Captain's Cup, the top two were decided on countback with both on 69 as incoming Vice Captain Bradley Williams managed to edge out James Stocks.

"The other trophy on offer was the nine-hole Captain's Jug and that was won by Oliver Neilson.

"Joe joined in the Texas Scramble with five of our non-handicap juniors and was in the winning team with Rachel George, Harriet Martin and Kiane Haddow.

"This ensured there were 22 juniors attending the prize giving and presentation of the John O'Gaunt flag to Joe.

"On Sunday, September 8th, the much-anticipated match against the Club and Scratch teams took place.

"The day started with breakfast sponsored by Scratch team Captain Richard Bushell during which the playing partners were drawn.

"We had 15 juniors taking part and every one of them put in a great performance against some tough opposition.

"We weren't strong enough to beat the Scratch team but we retained the trophy against the Club team.

"Our junior rookie Holly Gordon posted the top score of the day with 40 points but it was a brilliant team event and a great fun day for everyone involved."

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# It's been a massive honour - I hope I've done you proud

LADIES Captain Dawn French said: "I can't believe I'm sitting here writing my final report for the Club Magazine - where this year has gone, I have no idea!

"The Ladies Open was another outstanding success, thanks to Barbara Haughey and all her helpers.

"We had 104 ladies from 21 different clubs and just over £260 was raised for my charity from the raffle and guess the name of the bear - thanks again to Susan Firby for donating him. The winning team came from Aldwickbury Park scoring 98 points

"The Autumn Closed took on a slightly different format this year with three balls in the morning and then pairing up with another group to play three lots of foursomes in the afternoon - I'm sure there were a few confused souls wondering why six of us were walking down the first fairway together!

"First place in the afternoon foursomes competition went to Katie Ford and Vice Captain Anita Isaacson, while the three divisions of the morning stableford were claimed by Helen McDonald, Niki Hunter and myself. The Wyches Trophy was won by Helen, so congratulations - well worth taking the day off work for, heh?!

"The last big event for me is my Finale which takes place on Saturday, October 19th. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer and is filling up fast.

"It's a mixed greensomes competition and we have a few ladies who need a man to pair up with, so calling all men out there please sign up alongside their names. I look forward to seeing you there.

"They do say time flies when you're having fun and that's exactly what this year has been for me - from Christmas Hampers, to Valentine's, Charity Days, Invitation Days, and all the trophies, knockouts and matches in between!

"My Committee have been great, Jean Cobb is the best secretary any ladies section could ask for - working away tirelessly in the background ensuring everything is always organised and on track.

"My Vice Anita has been by my side (pictured above) every step of the way and we've had many laughs as we've planned and plotted our way through the year.

"I wish her all the best in her year when she takes over at the AGM on October 24th - be ready to hit the ground running Neetz!

"I cannot thank you, the members, enough for your generosity towards my charities throughout the year.

"£1,000 is already being put to work at the Lucy Memorial Nursery School in The Gambia funding the construction of outdoor seating and desks. When I visit in November, I will take photos so you can see how your donations have been spent.

"The remaining £6,722.19 is more than I ever imagined raising for the East Anglian Air Ambulance and is just a couple of hundred quid shy of being able to fund two missions, so thank you all so much.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your Ladies Captain - it is a massive honour and I hope that I have done the Ladies Section and John O'Gaunt proud."



# John O'Gaunt Golf Club - 2019 Treasurer's Report

## 2019 FORECAST

Based on half-yearly figures as at June 30th, 2019.

### INCOME

SUBSCRIPTION Income is projected to be below budget for the year despite strong recruitment so far. We are still actively recruiting, but although numbers may return to their original levels, it will not reduce the income gap created by leavers at the start of the year.

Green Fee Income is up slightly on last year and is expected to come in on budget.

Net Bar and Catering Income remains a concern and is forecast to be below budget for the year and will be a key area for review by our new General Manager.

Sundry receipts had been expected to come in below budget, but following a review at the half year, may now improve for the full year.

The treatment of Entry Fees has been changed and they are now included in the Statement. As before, they will still be transferred in the Development Reserve. They are forecast to achieve budget for the full year.

### EXPENDITURE

OVERALL Expenditure, excluding Capital Spend, has been lower than our Budget.

Despite increased Course costs from seeds and fertilisers, to mitigate the effects of last year's weather, costs are forecast to remain at budget for the full year.

House costs are forecast at lower than budget mainly due to savings in the combined repairs and refurbishment budgets.

Admin costs are forecast to come in higher than budget due to costs incurred in the recruitment of the new General Manager along with related costs in covering the position. There was some offset in salary savings. Establishment and general expenses are also anticipated to be at budget by the end of the year.

Capital spend for the year includes planned spend on course equipment. However, an opportunity was also taken to purchase patio furniture, a storage facility on the terrace and a new house coffee machine. This has led to the forecast for this area to be above budget for the full year.

Whilst the forecast for the full year shows a net reduction in funds of (£52,000), there will continue to be a focus on new members and improving Bar and Catering incomes.

## 2020 BUDGET

### INCOME

SUBSCRIPTION Income has been budgeted to increase slightly, reflecting the proposed 3% increase in fees – in line with previous years.

As ever, this is very dependent on our ability to recruit and retain members. The budget for Entry Fees is also based on this.

Green Fee Income has been held in line with the 2019 projected result.

Bar and Catering prices and costs are in line with inflation in both areas. However, we have budgeted a slight improvement in catering performance in 2020, but this area remains a challenge.

### EXPENDITURE

The budget for Course has increased at more than inflation, recognising the ongoing need for a continuous maintenance programme. In addition, the Winter Projects budget has been restored for 2020.

House Expenditure has been reduced to reflect a lowering of on-going refurbishment expenditure, anticipating the start of the Clubhouse Project in the near future. Other areas of House costs are increased in line with inflation.

After removing the effects of the costs associated with the recruitment of the new General Manager, only inflationary costs have been applied to Administration and Establishment costs.

A figure of £65,000 has been included in the budget for Capital Expenditure. Last year the spend on course equipment was over £60,000, which if repeated during 2020, would leave little else for other projects. We will need to carefully balance the competing demands for capital expenditure next year.

In summary, the 2020 Budget shows a small net contribution of £60,000 - which would be sufficient to cover the financing costs of the Clubhouse Project.

With continued success in recruiting new Members, focusing on our ongoing expenditure and increasing where possible other Revenue streams, our 2019 projection should be within our reach.

Peter Wade, Treasurer



## **Management Report**

	<u>Budget</u> 2019 £'000	<u>Forecast</u> 2019 £'000	<u>Budget</u> 2020 £'000	<u>Plan</u> 2021 £'000
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>				
SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,180.0	1,145.0	1,179.0	1,214.0
TRANSFER FEES				
ENTRY FEES	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0
	<u>1,225.0</u>	<u>1,190.0</u>	<u>1,224.0</u>	<u>1,259.0</u>
GREEN FEES:				
Visitors and Guests	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0
Societies etc.	78.0	78.0	78.0	78.0
	<u>153.0</u>	<u>153.0</u>	<u>153.0</u>	<u>153.0</u>
Less: Direct Costs	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
	<u>145.0</u>	<u>145.0</u>	<u>145.0</u>	<u>145.0</u>
BAR				
Sales	235.0	210.0	220.0	230.0
Purchases	90.0	80.0	85.0	88.0
Direct Costs	89.0	85.0	88.0	90.0
	<u>48.0</u>	<u>37.0</u>	<u>39.0</u>	<u>44.0</u>
CATERING				
Sales	285.0	285.0	295.0	295.0
Purchases	100.0	100.0	105.0	105.0
Direct Costs	30.0	34.0	30.0	30.0
Labour	190.0	190.0	190.0	190.0
	<u>(35.0)</u>	<u>(39.0)</u>	<u>(30.0)</u>	<u>(30.0)</u>
SUNDRY RECEIPTS	18.0	10.0	18.0	18.0
	<u>1,401.0</u>	<u>1,343.0</u>	<u>1,396.0</u>	<u>1,436.0</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
Course	591.0	591.0	602.0	612.0
House	225.0	195.0	179.0	185.0
Admin	239.0	254.0	248.5	256.0
Establishment & General	243.0	237.0	242.0	248.0
	<u>1,298.0</u>	<u>1,277.0</u>	<u>1,271.5</u>	<u>1,301.0</u>
<b><u>AMOUNTS WRITTEN OFF:</u></b>				
Depreciation	110.0	112.0	115.0	115.0
	<u>110.0</u>	<u>112.0</u>	<u>115.0</u>	<u>115.0</u>
<b><u>EXCESS INCOME</u></b>				
<b><u>OVER EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(46.0)</u>	<u>9.5</u>	<u>20.0</u>
Add Depreciation	110.0	112.0	115.0	115.0
Less Capital Spend	75.0	118.0	65.0	65.0
<b><u>EXCESS INCOME OVER</u></b>				
<b><u>EXPENDITURE - CASH BASIS</u></b>	<u>28</u>	<u>(52)</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>7</u>



## **Management Report**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Forecast</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b><u>Course Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>£'000</u></b>	<b><u>£'000</u></b>	<b><u>£'000</u></b>	<b><u>£'000</u></b>
Labour	408.0	408.0	420.0	430.0
Seeds, Fertilisers & Turf	60.0	68.1	65.0	65.0
Water Rates	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Fuel	21.0	19.4	22.0	22.0
Machinery Maintenance	30.0	30.6	33.0	33.0
Pump House Repairs	-	-	-	-
Machinery Hire	3.0	1.8	3.0	3.0
Irrigation & Sprinklers Replacement	15.0	23.5	15.0	15.0
Trees	4.0	3.5	4.0	4.0
Vehicle Insurance	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.0
Course Telephone	-	-	-	-
Capital/Winter Projects	20.0	7.5	15.0	15.0
Miscellaneous Items	25.0	23.1	20.0	20.0
	<u>591.0</u>	<u>591.0</u>	<u>602.0</u>	<u>612.0</u>

### **House Expenditure**

Labour	33.0	33.0	34.0	35.0
Heating and Lighting	47.0	47.0	50.0	55.0
Laundry and Cleaning	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0
Repairs and Maintenance	90.0	60.0	40.0	40.0
Miscellaneous Expenses	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
	<u>225.0</u>	<u>195.0</u>	<u>179.0</u>	<u>185.0</u>

### **Administration Expenditure**

Labour	168.0	160.0	175.0	180.0
Professional Fees	-	20.0	-	-
Golf Professional's Retainer	38.0	38.0	38.0	38.0
Telephone & Postage	5.0	5.0	5.5	6.0
Stationery/Printing	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
John O'Gaunt News	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Computer and ITC equip.	16.0	16.0	18.0	20.0
Miscellaneous Expenses	2.0	5.0	2.0	2.0
	<u>239.0</u>	<u>254.0</u>	<u>248.5</u>	<u>256.0</u>

### **Establishment & General Expenditure**

Rates	100.0	100.0	105.0	110.0
Insurances	22.0	22.0	23.0	24.0
Professional Fees	17.0	15.0	10.0	10.0
Marketing	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Allowances and Expenses	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Catering and Functions	4.0	3.0	4.0	4.0
Bank Charges and Interest	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Miscellaneous Expenses	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Training	3.0	-	3.0	3.0
VAT - Non Reclaimable Input Tax	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0
	<u>243.0</u>	<u>237.0</u>	<u>242.0</u>	<u>248.0</u>



### **Proposed Subscriptions 2020**

7 Day	£ 1,260
5 Day	£ 1,050
*Youth 3 (25-26 yrs)	£ 945
*Youth 2 (23-24 yrs)	£ 630
*Youth 1 (18-22 yrs)	£ 315
*Juniors (10-17 yrs)	£ 165
Country	£ 630
Associate	£ 340
Ladies Trial (unchanged)	£ 210
Lockers	£ 52
Entrance Fee (unchanged)	£1630
All other income streams (Credit/Social etc.) to remain as 2019.	
*Age as at January 1st.	

## **So much to look forward to over the coming weeks**

ALL members are invited to attend the Open Budget Meeting, which takes place in the Burgoyne Suite at John O'Gaunt Golf Club at 8pm on Thursday, October 17th. Dress code is smart casual.

The following Thursday (October 24th) is the Ladies Section Annual General Meeting in the Burgoyne Suite at 7.30pm, when the accounts will be circulated and trophies awarded.

By then Dawn French will have participated in her last event as 2019 Ladies Captain as the Ladies Captain's Finale takes place on Saturday, October 19th.

With just a few places left to take part in the Golf and Supper, those who want to attend need to get their applications in to the office asap. It's £20 per person for Golf and Supper, or for Supper only it is £16.

There are still a variety of golf and social events scheduled for the members over the next few months at John O'Gaunt Golf Club, including the Annual Dinner/Morning After Cup on Saturday, November 2nd.

Tickets are still available for this prestigious black tie four-course dinner, and coffee, but with places filling up fast on a first come, first served basis, all members are advised to get in quickly to avoid disappointment.

All those attending, qualify to enter the Morning After Cup - subject to holding an official golf handicap.

December is expected to be a busy month with bookings now open for our popular Christmas Carvery Lunches which will be held on every Sunday up to Christmas Day, and also in the Conservatory on weekdays.

Following the success of the Catering Specials Evening after the Christmas Fayre Competition last year, we will be doing it again this year on Saturday, December 14th.

Tables will be available from 4.30pm with last sittings at 8.30pm, but we cannot stress enough - booking is essential!

The menus, which will be available nearer the time, will include fish, meat and pasta/rice dishes.

And if that's not enough, we are finalising details for the New Year's Eve Party on Tuesday, December 31st.

Following the success of last year's informal Party, this year's party will follow a similar format. Further details will be posted in the clubhouse towards the end of October. The value-for-money tickets are likely to be in the region of £50-55 per person.

# Seniors matches come thick and fast in late season

SENIORS Captain Dave Gauge said: "September began with a rush of matches, with two appearing in the same week as well as other commitments. It does lead to a hectic life but, on the other hand, time does pass quickly.

"As most of the matches, five out of six in September, are away from home the little Mitsubishi I drive is clocking up more miles than it's used to.

"Thus far, as I write, the results have not been going quite as successfully as I would like, but generally the weather has been good, as has the company which is what Senior Golf is about.

"I was joined by three senior colleagues to participate in the Captain's Charity Day, where much to our surprise we emerged as winners.

"Many thanks to David Crosby, Jim Kerr, and Peter (Algy) Grimes for their efforts in making up for my limited prowess.

"Apart from winning, it was a pleasure to participate, and was great to see a large number of people in the clubhouse raising money for Phil's charities.

"On top of that, 40 seniors descended on Market Harborough Golf Club in Leicestershire (pictured) for our annual away day.

"Once again the weather stayed fair, some good and some not so good golf was played, and I'm not saying which of those applies to me.

"The eventual winner on the day, and recipient of the Jim Peacock Trophy was Jonathon Lean.

"Congratulations to Jonathon and all the other winners, and thanks to Richard Coventry and David Crosby for the organisation of the event. Next year we are heading for the slightly flatter course at Elton Furze.

"Hopefully as things calm down as we head into Autumn the golf may improve, but more importantly Pauline might see a little more of me. You'll have to ask her if that's a good thing!"





## Results

### **Ladies September Stableford - CAR (Sept 19th):**

**1 Charmaine Gillett (37 points), 2 Tina Page (35), 3 Patricia Lloyd (32).**

### **Ladies Gwen Brookbanks Trophy - CAR (Sept 19th):**

**1 Susan Lee (net 68), 2 Susan Bryan (68), 3 Hazel House (71).**

### **September Midweek Stableford - CAR (Sept 17th):**

**1 Matthew Gudgin (40 points), 2 Nigel Tarn (39), 3 Nicholas Church (39).**

### **Ladies September Medal - CAR (Sept 15th):**

**1 Wendy Percival (net 66), 2 Joanna Coker (67), 3 Diane Oliver (68).**

### **September Medal - JOG (Sept 14th):**

**Division 1: 1 Ryan Florence (net 69), 2 William Hunter (70), 3 Ian Dockerill (70). Division 2: 1 Robert Isaacson (72), 2 Nick Stocker (74), 3 David Howley (75). Division 3: 1 Kevin Churchman (68), 2 Stephen Mathers (70), 3 Kevin Kiernan (77).**

### **Ladies Autumn Closed - JOG (Sept 12th):**

**Morning Foursomes: Winners Katie Ford & Anita Isaacson. Afternoon Stableford: Division 1: 1 Dawn French (33 points), 2 Caroline Lewis (32), 3 Susan Lee (31). Division 2: 1 Nicola Hunter (40 points), 2 Marian Farrow (36), 3 Theresa Brown (34). Division 3: 1 Helen McDonald (37), 2 Anita Isaacson (32), 3 Carolyn Devaney (32).**

### **September Midweek Medal**

#### **- CAR (Sept 11th):**

**1 John Church (net 68),  
2 Alex Stoeri-Smith  
(69), 3 Nick  
Church (70).**

**Club Vs Juniors Vs Scratch Team - JOG (Sept 8th):**  
Team. 1 Scratch, 2 Juniors, 3 Scratch. Individual:  
1 Holly Gordon (40 points), 2 Graham Anderson  
(39), 3 Christopher Collin (38).

### **Autumn Medal (13-19 H'caps) - JOG (Sept 7th):**

**1 Peter Clark (net 69), 2 Cavan Kendall (70), 3 Ian Riches (72).**

### **September Midweek Medal - JOG (Sept 2nd):**

**1 Jay Billings (net 73), 2 Nigel Tarn (75), 3 Chris Jennings (75).**

### **Division 1 Handicap Trophy - JOG (Sept 1st):**

**1 David Salmon, pictured below (net 66), 2 Barry Watson (66), 3 Michael Rhodes (70).**

### **Ladies August Medal - CAR (August 31st):**

**1 Nicola Hunter (net 70), 2 Amy Strange (71), 3 Joanna Coker (72).**

### **Ladies August Stableford - CAR (August 29th):**

**Division 1: 1 Barbara Haughey (33 points), 2 Caroline Lewis (32), 3 Katie Ford (32). Division 2: 1 Marion Cooper (38), 2 Val Cooper (35), 3 Anita Isaacson (33). Division 3: 1 Susan Firby (30), 2 Janet McNair (29), 3 Lindsay Derry (29).**

### **Junior Scots Cup - CAR (August 28th):**

**1 Ethan Akpan (40 points), 2 Joshua Bareham (37), 3 Oliver Neilson (37).**

### **August Midweek Stableford - JOG (August 28th):**

**1 Nigel Tarn (36 points), 2 Anthony Thurgood (36), 3 Jack Sauble (35).**

### **Seniors Member & Guest - JOG (August 27th):**

**Winners: David Crosby & Alan Capps (42 points), runners-up: Kevin Barbour & Kevin Flynn (41).**

### **Captain's Greensome - JOG (August 26th):**

**1 Ryan Florence & Stuart Hutchison (net 68.2), 2 George Griffin & Jonathan Tilley (69), 3 Carl Billings & George Billings (69).**

### **Division 3 Stableford Trophy - JOG (Aug 24th):**

**1 Paul Dobson (37 points), 2 Alan Gudgin (36), 3 Mike Jones (35)**



# Busy Autumn and Winter ahead for our courses

PLEASE see below a summary of the course work that has recently been undertaken and is ongoing.

## **Fairways**

The fairways on the John O'Gaunt course have been scarified in two different directions, which has helped to remove the thatch material especially on the high spots which has become dry and crusty due to the extreme weather conditions that we have had over the last 18 months.

Evo Xtra 24-4-4. Two to three months of controlled release fertiliser has also been applied to the fairways.

In total, 100 bags at 20kg per bag has been applied to cover approximately 10 hectares.

Over seeding commenced in mid-September.

The Carthagea fairways were scarified and fertilised within the following two weeks, with over seeding also taking place in mid-September.

I am confident that if this renovation work is completed in early October and that weather conditions work in our favour, we can achieve some excellent grass coverage on the fairways by the end of November.

I appreciate that the fairways are not in great condition, but if we cast our memory back to this time last year, we are in a far better position, with regard to grass coverage.

## **Greens**

The height of cut on the greens has been 3 mm and this has been lowered to 2.75 mm for selected competitions, the greens have also been ironed more frequently especially on a weekend.

The nutrient input has been slightly higher this year, the shorter you cut the greens then the more nutrients you need to keep the grass sward healthy.

The seventh green is in excellent condition again, extra nutrients and soil amendment products having been applied on the advice of our Agronomist David Snowden.

The John O'Gaunt was closed on September 17th and 18th and the Carthagea Course on September 23rd and 24th for maintenance work, and will consist of micro coring, light scarifying, light top dressing and an Autumn fertiliser applied in a granular form.

Fungicide will be applied as a preventative treatment every five to six weeks in order to keep disease to a minimum.

Pauline Aubigne (Course & Golf Committee Chairman)

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## More equipment and clothing options in Pro Shop

CLUB professional Lee Scarbrow said: "For those that have not seen the new irons from Titleist, we now have fittings available in the Pro Shop.

"These irons are really responsive and are made with length and feel in mind, to run alongside we also have the new TS hybrids which look and play great. We have a fitting day on Thursday, October 3rd, please book in the shop.

"Ping are still the leading make for easy-to-play irons and metals, and earlier this year they launched their new ladies range. They combine light weight shafts with strong club heads making for greater distance with all the ease of a Ping club. We have these to try in the shop and our top man Morgan from Ping will help with anyone wishing to try the full range.

"Winter is fast approaching and by all accounts it could be a cold one! So layer up out there. We have several brands that are not only functional but also very stylish in the cold weather. The new club jumper range from Glenmuir is extremely nice and will make you look like a top player.

"We, in the Pro Shop, would like to add our welcome to our new manager Gordon MacLeod, we are looking to working with him at what we see as an exciting time for John O'Gaunt Golf Club.

"For those that don't know, sadly Tom has moved from John O'Gaunt to Trent Park where he will be a full time coach. We thank Tom for all his hard work and wish him and his wife Teri all the best for the future."





# Wasp Spider is another newby at John O'Gaunt

CONSERVATION Greenkeeper of the Year Steve Thompson said: "I'm going to start this article with news of yet another new species for John O'Gaunt. Not a bird, not a Butterfly, and not even a new Dragonfly... but a Spider!

"On September 3rd, while working on Carthage, I was drawn to the sound of a grasshopper type insect in some long grass behind the 10th green, I wandered over to take a look and found a rather striking and beautiful female Wasp Spider (pictured).

"I have never seen one before and it is definitely a new species for the club. It is a very large, colourful spider, and a fairly recent arrival in the UK spreading over the south of England.

"It is found in grassland and heathland and it looks just like a common wasp which helps keep it safe from predators.

"After looking at this amazing spider I then found the source of the original noise, it was Long winged Conehead, it is a bush-cricket of rough grassland and woodland rides.

"The first Bat Walk around the John O'Gaunt on August 21st was well attended by members. I led with the aid of a Bat Detector we were able to identify five species Common Pipistrelle, Soprano Pipistrelle, Noctule, Serotine and Daubenton's.

"At about 9.30 pm we were greeted with loads of bats flying all over the lake often flying quite close as we stood by the edge - a truly amazing sight.

"The second walk was on September 4th and conditions were not ideal. It was a bit windy and it was not as warm for the bats.

"A local expert came along and talked about bats and some of the myths behind them and their history in the UK and the world.

"There are 18 species in the UK - eight recorded at John O'Gaunt. Despite the weather, we saw four species with the pond again proving very popular with Daubenton's, Common and Soprano Pipistrelle all seen or heard over the water, while Noctule was heard nearby.



"The Badger Watches started on August 28th. There has been little activity recently in the wood where we normally watch, and unfortunately the good number of attendees went away slightly disappointed as we didn't see any, which is a first.

"However, normal service resumed for the second watch a week later as we saw three badgers, the first at about 8.15pm and we continued watching until 9.35pm, so a great night was had by all.

"Dragonflies have again been showing in good numbers throughout August.

"One that I don't see very often is the Southern Hawker, quite a large Dragonfly, I spotted a female flying over the brook behind the third green in mid-August. The female is brown with bright green markings and the male is dark with pale blue or bright blue and green markings.

"I spotted a male flying over the seventh fairway on Carthage a few days later. Other Dragonflies seen recently include Migrant Hawker, Common Darter, Ruddy Darter, Large Red Damselflies, Common Blue Damselflies and Small Red-eyed Damselflies.

"Red Admiral Butterflies have been around both sides recently and there have been two sightings of Painted Ladies on the John O'Gaunt on August 28th by the 13th green John O'Gaunt and in main car park on September 4th.

"The Kingfisher has been seen or heard along the brook on John O'Gaunt several times along the section by the sixth fairway and the lake, the Grey Heron was seen in the pond on September 7th.

"Our summer migrants should now be on their way to warmer climates, I last saw Swallows on John O'Gaunt in early August.

"Our first returning winter migrants Fieldfare and Redwing should soon be with us. Keep an eye out on trees with berries on such as Rowan.

"Please continue to report all wildlife sightings by emailing [steve@johnogauntgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:steve@johnogauntgolfclub.co.uk) or by filling in the sheet on the noticeboard."

# John O'Gaunt Golf Club

## Fixtures



Oct 2019	Event (Course)
Tues 1st	Seniors Gordon Percival Trophy (JOG)
Sat 5th	October Medal (CAR)
Sun 6th	Ladies Stableford (JOG)
	Pee Wee Competition (CAR)
Tues 8th	Seniors 2 Clubs & Putter (CAR)
Thurs 10th	Ladies Stableford (JOG)
Sat 12th	Summer Knockout Finals (JOG)
Sun 13th	Auction Cup (JOG)
Tues 15th	Seniors Autumn Stableford (JOG)
Thurs 17th	Ladies Medal/Team Comp (CAR)
Sat 19th	Ladies Captains Finale (JOG)
Tues 22nd	TSB Trophy (CAR)
Wed 23rd	Seniors Ladies vs Bedfordshire (JOG)
Thurs 24th	Ladies Stableford (JOG)
Fri 25th	Junior Anniversary Cup (CAR)
Sun 27th	Medals Finals (JOG)
Tues 29th	Seniors & Ladies Match (JOG)
Thurs 31st	Ladies Past Captains vs Ladies (CAR)
<b>Nov 2019</b>	
Sun 3rd	Morning After Cup (JOG)
Thurs 7th	Ladies Winter Competition (JOG)
Sat 9th	Roy Davies Shield (JOG)
Sun 10th	Ladies Stableford (JOG)
Tues 12th	Seniors Arthur Lucas Bring & Win (CAR)
Thurs 14th	Ladies Winter Competition (CAR)
Sun 17th	Autumn Texas Scramble (CAR)
Thurs 21st	Ladies Winter Comp (JOG)
<b>Dec 2019</b>	
Thurs 5th	Ladies Christmas Hamper (JOG)
Sun 8th	Ladies Christmas Hamper (CAR)
Sat 14th	Captains Christmas Fayre (Both)
Tues 17th	Seniors Christmas Fayre (JOG)

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### Winter Bar Hours (from Oct 28th)

Monday	11:00am - 6:30pm
Tuesday	11:00am - 6:30pm
Wednesday	11:00am - 10:00pm
Thursday	11:00am - 7:00pm
Friday	11:00am - 7:30pm
Saturday	10:30am - 7:30pm
Sunday	10:30am - 7:00pm

### Winter Catering Hours (from Oct 28th)

Monday	9:30am - 4:00pm
Tuesday	9:30am - 4:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am - 9:00pm*
Thursday	9:30am - 4:00pm
Friday	9:00am - 5:30pm
Saturday	8:00am - 5:30pm
Sunday	8:00am - 5:00pm

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