

## OSGC "Bring A Friend" review & results from Canons Brook GC

Captain: Steve Jennings Vice Captain: Karl Wingfield Secretary: Steve Clarke

A last minute call off for work reasons meant we were 24 for the BAF meeting at Canons Brook.

And that was nearly 23 if not for the persistence of Brant to pick up and badger Dave Webb to come along on the last minute advice that he could share a buggy with John French.

And how fortuitus Brant's intervention turned out to be as the results will show below.

The day started bright and sunny but with bad news that the M25 was snarled up due to a lorry fire the previous night.

Sat Navs to the rescue with ever changing routes for many as the M25 fallout hit the alternative routes - I think my daughter and I travelled halfway across Essex on B roads

But we all made it to the venue by 10.30am in reasonable time for the Bacon rolls and Coffee/tea.

It was great to see sons (and fellow 'OLD BOYS') Harry Sanders, Ben McKelvie, Toby Jennings and Charlie Crow at the event!

And for only a 2nd or 3rd time I believe, we had a lady play our event - this time my daughter Isabel (SHSG)

I am hoping this is the start of a younger set of OBs to make meetings on a more regular basis.

6x 4balls got away on our allotted tee times starting 11.06am.

The course turned out to be a lovely crafted golfing challenge with a good mixture of flat and undulating holes including dog legs and blind holes, many using the river that ran through the course as a natural hazard for miss-hit shots.

I thought the tees and greens were in good shape (though the greens were not quite as fast as the club told us); the fairways were partially green but better than most courses after the recent "heatwaves".

The warm, sunny day, with a mild wind to provide some heat relief combined with a very good course condition meant that scoring was pretty good across the groups with majority of the members scoring 29+ points.

And with some excellent dovetailing, this meant for some very high Better-ball Pairs scores.

We all managed to finish before 5pm and shower and change for dinner at 5.30pm - a novelty for many of our events but something we will endeavour to keep to.

The food was tasty and filling, certainly the noise levels dropped as everyone tucked in - I think we were all ravished after 4hrs of golf.

So to the prizes....

The Winners are listed below but the big winners were:

- John French and Dave Webb for the new "BAF Pairs" Trophy
- Steve Jennings (El Capitano) for the Singles
- Rob McKelvie for the Vets Singles

And great to see a good number of the "youngsters" featuring in the prizes too!!!

Obviously, from below you can see why the Captain picked this course for 2025 as he figured in many of the prizes, The Singles, carrying his son (his words not mine) to 2nd in the Pairs Trophy (missing winning his own newly donated Trophy by 1 point) and NP in 2 on the 17th (6 inches from the flag - something he wanted to speak about a lot afterwards). Of course "Fluffer Jenks" as he is known in many golfing circles missed the putt - TBH not sure if that's true.

Congratulations to all our prize winners and thank you to all members and their "Friends" who made the BAF meeting a success.

I got the impression that everyone enjoyed the golf and the usual constant: "Old Boy camaraderie"

Canons Brook made us really welcome and was a cracking course and set up for the sum of money we paid - a definite contender for a swift return.

Happy Golfing and Thank You!

Steve Clarke (1977-82 Tuscany)

RESULTS		
	Name	S/Ford Points
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	18 hole BetterBall Pairs	
1st	John French & Dave Webb	50
2nd	Steve & Toby Jennings	49
3rd	Rob & Ben McKelvie	48
	18 hole stableford individual	
1st	Steve Jennings	42
2nd	Isabel Clarke	38
3rd	Charlie Crow	35
	Vets 18 hole stableford individual	
1st	Rob McKelvie	42
2nd	Alan Worsdale	35
3rd	Keith Thomson	35
	Nearest the Pin 5th hole	
	Alan Worsdale	
	Nearest the Pin 12th hole	
	John Avery	
	Nearest the Pin in 2 17th hole	
	Steve Jennings	