



OSGC Summer Meeting review & results from Abridge GC

Captain: Steve Jennings
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Due to last minute complications/illnesses 25 of the planned 28 members turned up at 9am for the obligatory Bacon rolls, Coffee and usual catch-up banter. We arrived to pouring rain but fortunately the weather forecast was pretty accurate and this duly ended in time for the Captain: Steve Jennings to drive us all off for the start of the 9hole Liberty Cup greensomes comp off the 1st tee. Steve was partnered with Tony Farr (or Tony "Goals" as he was known in his School and OSFC days) , and their playing partner team was Nick Neale and Neil Beaumont. Lots of stories at the end of the day highlighted air shots and "Hamlet cigar" moments in the bunkers from Tony Goals, and beautiful drives ruined by a shank into an impossible position. Needless to say, Neil was given a new name: "Shanker" Beaumont, and neither of these pairings made the top 3.

Instead, the Liberty cup was won for the 2nd year in a row by Jonathan Yeatts, this time with a new partner: David Hill, narrowly pipping Brant Chapman and the OSGC secretary. Well done Jonathan and David!

We all came back to the clubhouse in pretty good time to have a Ploughman's lunch and a quick beer or two (to keep the muscles relaxed). The faster play in the morning enabled us to work with Abridge to bring our afternoon tee time forward, though this meant all of us starting on the 10th tee. The afternoon Singles Stableford comp started in lovely warm and sunny weather, and with Alan "Dit Dot" Ditton asking the OSGC Secretary what the dress code was for Abridge and golf in general after noticing El Capitano playing with his shirt hanging out of his shorts. The secretary duly noted the shock, horror (and shame?) Alan felt and advised reprimands may be in order for future events.

Everyone got away pretty sharpish for the singles and we were blessed with sunshine and clouds until the first groups reached holes 5-8 on the back nine. Then a massive squall came over with both thunder and sheeting rain that soaked you in seconds, but fortunately no lightning. The squall passed pretty quickly to be replaced by a baking sun to partially dry you out. A quick shower and change into the usual smart casual attire saw us back to dining area for a very tasty roast beef and trimmings, followed by apple pie and ice cream, and then the prize giving.

Four Trophies were up for grabs this year at the Summer meeting, and I would like to mention that two of these have great OSGC history behind them:

- The silver Championship cup is dated with the first OSGC winner to 1936
- The silver Liberty Cup is dated to 1950

As I said above, Jonathan Yeatts and David Hill will now add their names to the illustrious list on the Liberty Cup.

And our debutant and youngest member: James Husselbee will now add his name to the 89 year old Championship Trophy. WELL DONE JAMES!!!

Another new, and younger older aged member: Austin Whitehouse, also marked his debut by winning the Higher Handicapped "John Meakin Trophy".

Slightly older than Austin, but perfectly groomed and honed, looking his score in age, was Malcolm Price who won the Lower Handicapped "Challenge Cup".

Lastly, but not least, Steve Bailey won the Summer Veterans Cup.

Well done to all those that won the Trophies (or came 2nd or 3rd) and the Nearest the Pins, and the "3 Tanners" prizes!

And of course, we have the OSGC Cock House Trophy. Tuscany were leading coming into this event but Troy now just pip Tuscany by 1 point as James, Malcolm and Kim Clarke all came in with 30+ points.

	Cock House Tally			
	Athens	Sparta	Troy	Tuscany
Spring Meeting	113	97	116	124
Summer Meeting	81	83	111	102
Autumn Meeting	0	0	0	0
	194	180	227	226

To finish this report I would like to thank everyone who attended!

Your presence as always made it a special day, and your feedback on Abridge as a golfing event was unanimous in praise for the golf course set up and playability. Everyone I spoke to loved the undulating green fairways (irrigated and well drained), the ability to play the ball off near perfect turf, and also the speed and borrows of the greens. Obviously, the rain we had over the prior few days took a lot of the run out of the fairways, making the course play longer than it was – there was no “OMR” (old man roll). The course was in fabulous condition though playing tough, and I think the scoring reflected this. Combined with the great service in the clubhouse it made for a great day and a venue we will return to.

Happy Golfing and Thank You!

Steve Clarke (1977-82 Tuscany)

Date:	21st July 2025					
Golf Course:	Abridge GC					
Attendees						
Name	Vet ?	House	PHC	Low HCP	S'Ford Points	3 Tanners
Steve Jennings		Athens	16	Y	29	7
Steve Clarke		Tuscany	18	Y	36	10
Neil Beaumont		Sparta	11	Y	11	8
David Hill		Sparta	16	Y	26	4
Alan Worsdale	Y	Sparta	20		22	6
Alan Ditton	Y	Troy	12	Y	29	6
Austin Whitehouse		Tuscany	22		36	7
John Welsford	Y	Troy	DNP			
Jonathan Yeatts	Y	Athens	29		27	6
John French	Y	Athens	28		24	6
John Milroy	Y	Troy	18	Y	27	6
Paul Husselbee		Troy	17	Y	21	5
James Husselbee	0	Troy	18	Y	39	9
Karl Wingfield		Athens	9	Y	27	6
Rob Burry		Tuscany	7	Y	30	8
Anthony Farr		Troy	28		26	7
Nick Neale		Sparta	10	Y	27	9
John Avery		Sparta	14	Y	30	6
Malcolm Price		Troy	14	Y	37	7
Geoff Pigott	Y	Athens	25		27	4
Stephen Nunn	Y	Tuscany	21		26	8
Jim Harrington	Y	Sparta	20		23	6
Andrew Metcalf	Y	Tuscany	17	Y	25	5
Brant Chapman	Y	Tuscany	13	Y	23	5
Kim Clarke	Y	Troy	17	Y	32	8
Steve Bailey	Y	Troy	28		35	4

	RESULTS		
	Name	S'ford points	
	Liberty Cup (9 hole Greensomes)		
1st	David Hill & Jonathan Yeatts	20	
2nd	Brant Chapman & Steve Clarke	19	
3rd	Rob Burry & Austin Whitehouse	17	CB
	Nearest the Pin on the 2nd (par 3)		
	Karl Wingfield		
	Championship Cup		
1st	James Husselbee	39	
2nd	Steve Clarke	36	
3rd	Neil Beaumont	33	
	Challenge Cup		
1st	Malcolm Price	37	
2nd	John Avery	30	CB
3rd	Rob Burry	30	
	John Meakin Trophy		
1st	Austin Whitehouse	36	
2nd	Geoff Pigott	27	
3rd	Steve Nunn	26	
	Summer Veteran's Cup		
1st	Steve Bailey	35	
2nd	Kim Clarke	32	
3rd	Alan Ditton	29	
	Nearest the Pin on 9th (par 3)		
	James Husselbee		
	Nearest the Pin in 2 on 18th		
	Steve Clarke		
	3 Tanners		
	Steve Clarke	10	