



OSGC Report for Summer Meeting at Benton Hall GC

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Twenty brave and foolhardy OSGC members made their way to Benton Hall for 27 holes on a course baked hard by the dry, hot weather since April and knowing that the 26th June 2026 was destined to record Britain's highest temperature since records began.... Some 35 degrees, but probably feeling higher due to the baked ground conditions.

Fortunately, 8 of us had the use of 4 buggies leaving the other 12 to walk a course, though not long (6000 yds), but with many long treks between green and next tee. However, the results show very clearly that the "walkers" had the better of the conditions.

We started the day circa 8.30am with the usual coffee/tea and Bacon rolls allowing for lots of catch-up chatter, Tote betting and prepping for the day ahead. Everyone was a little wary of the weather conditions, but with typical Old Boy fortitude we all stepped into the breach and made our allotted tee times from 10am playing for the Liberty Cup. Greensomes, so pretty much playing a single ball. The heat started at a bearable 25 degrees.

2 hours later each 4ball returned bedraggled, sweating profusely and desperate to get to the bar for much needed refreshments. I was expecting tales of woe re the scoring but to everyone's credit the scores were pretty even with lots of 17s and 18s, though as always there is one standout pair which for 2026 was Paul Husselbee and Garry Clark (both walking) who scored 21 pts.

The planned rolling lunch became a bit of a panic as Benton hall's kitchen had clearly not got the memo from their office and the Ham, Egg & Chips didn't appear until 12.45pm. Fortunately, we had been given 7 tee times so an extra 20mins for the first group to wolf down the food, another pint, and get to the 1st tee. Though to be fair, we could not believe that other "idiots" had actually booked tee times for the afternoon given the temp outside had now climbed to 35 degrees or more.

And so the afternoon singles started circa 1.25pm, and we had our first casualty: Rob Burry (a walker) had come back from the morning session feeling clammy and a bit faint. Given that Rochford GC had recorded a death mid-week after the previous record breaking temps, Rob made the smart move to stay in the bar, recoup and make his way home.

So, 19 Old boys once more entered the breach. Mad as march hares, especially Austin Whitehouse who was carrying! Unsurprisingly, Austin died on his feet and retired after 9 holes. David Hill was another casualty but persevered for the full 18holes, though sadly his score shows his back 9 was not productive.

Nineteen went out and 18 finished some 4hrs+ later. Straight to the bar for liquid despite drinking pints round the course. Then a long shower before once again hitting the bar for more liquid. Slowly the guys recovered and we allowed Benton to serve up the dinner, which was very nice but many had lost their appetite so some seconds for those who could eat.

And then to the prize giving, a little later than planned due to people needing to recover. The results are all below, including the latest Cock House standings. And despite the conditions you can see that the scoring is actually not too bad!

Big Congratulations go to...

Liberty Cup:	Paul Husselbee & Garry Clark
Championship Cup:	Paul Husselbee
Challenge Cup:	Richard Barber
John Meakin Trophy:	Chris Chapman (on his debut)
Summer Vets Cup:	Andy Metcalf

[Andy and Chris had to shoot before dinner, hence why they are not in the winner's photo]

I would like to thank everyone who made this Meeting and attempted to play in that heat, most especially the 12 guys who walked! A Superb effort. And everyone still had a smile and a laugh at the end – only the Old Boys.

The next meeting is the BAF meeting at Theydon Bois GC on Fri 14th Aug. A quirky, fun course I am told. Just 18holes and hopefully cooler weather!

I look forward to seeing you all at Theydon Bois.

Best regards,

Steve
OSGC Secretary

Cock House Tally				
	Athens	Sparta	Troy	Tuscany
Spring Meeting	97	95	106	116
Summer Meeting	85	93	96	98
	182	188	202	214

Attendees						
Name	Vet ?	House	PHC	Low HCP	S'Ford Points	3 Tanners
Alan Worsdale	Y	Sparta	20		25	6
Andrew Metcalf	Y	Tuscany	18	Y	32	8
Anthony Farr		Troy	28		29	5
Austin Whitehouse		Tuscany	21	Retired	11	2
Chris Chapman		sparta	32		35	3
David Hill		Sparta	18	Retired	18	5
Garry Clark	Y	Tuscany	21		30	8
James Husselbee	0	Troy	15	Y	30	4
Jonathan Yeatts	Y	Athens	31		24	8
Karl Wingfield		Athens	8	Y	30	6
Malcolm Price		Troy	14	Y	26	7
Neil Beaumont		Sparta	12	Y	26	4
Paul Husselbee	Y	Troy	19		37	10
Richard Barber		Tuscany	10	Y	33	7
Richard Rawlings	Y	Sparta	17	Y	30	5
Rob Burry	Y	Tuscany	Retired			
Simon Oliphant		Sparta	9	Y	28	6
Stephen Nunn	Y	Tuscany	25		31	8
Steve Clarke		Tuscany	20		33	7
Steve Jennings		Athens	17	Y	31	7

Summer Meeting	
RESULTS	
Name	S'ford points
Liberty Cup (9 hole Greensomes) S'ford points	
Paul Husselbee & Garry Clark	21
Rob Burry & Malcolm Price	18 cb
Karl Wingfield & Alan Worsdale	18 cb
Nearest the Pin on the 6th (par 3)	
David Hill	
Championship Cup	
Paul Husselbee	37
Steve Clarke	33
Karl Wingfield	30
Challenge Cup (low handicapper)	
Richard Barber	33
Steve Jennings	31
James Husselbee	30
John Meakin Trophy (high handicapper)	
Chris Chapman	35
Garry Clark	30
Anthony Farr	29
Summer Veteran's Cup	
Andy Metcalf	32
Steve Nunn	31
Richard Rawlings	30
Nearest the Pin on 6th (par 3)	
Andy Metcalf	
Nearest the Pin in 2 on 12th	
Karl Wingfield	
3 Tanners S'ford points	
Paul Husselbee	10