



INTRODUCTION

A Happy New Year to all members. Whisper it quietly but we might just be able to look forward to a full season of golf this coming year. I certainly hope so.

Despite the frustrations of the early part of the year, 2021 will go down as a vintage year for the OLGS thanks to our Scratch Team creating history and winning the Halford Hewitt Cup for the first time. We will be looking to see how we can build on this achievement and drive greater participation in events across the Society. We have a number of ideas which we are working on and will keep you informed in due course. A particular focus will be trying to get more of our lady members involved and we are pleased to welcome Rosie Niven to the Committee to lead this drive.



Abs Ruia and Joel Westwell with ex-OLGS Captain and President, Alastair Lawson, at the Middle Temple

Six of the winning Halford Hewitt team (and the Cup itself) made a surprise appearance at the Over-60s lunch at The Middle Temple Hall in London in November. We are also planning to celebrate last year's Halford Hewitt with a reception to be held at The Loretto Academy in May. Details to follow.

For now, please take a look at the dates of the various matches and events and if you are able to play, please contact the relevant match manager.

The Halford Hewitt Cup 2022

Adam Wraight and his team will be defending their title for the first time from 7th-10th April.

The draw looks fairly friendly with none of the obvious big guns in our neighbourhood but there are always surprises with schools suddenly finding new players.

RSG 10:10	Oundle Blundell's
RSG 10:50	Loretto Merchant Taylors'
RSG 11:30	Trent Shrewsbury
RSG 12:10	Gresham's Dulwich
RSG 12:50	Clifton Repton
RSG 13:30	Epsom King's Canterbury
RSG 14:15	The Leys Lancing
RSG 15:00	Harrow Stowe

As you can see, our first-round tie is against Merchant Taylors' at 10.50am on Thursday 7th April at Royal St. George's. Success in that would bring a second-round tie against Oundle or Blundell's. Then, the likes of Shrewsbury, Clifton, Repton, Epsom and King's Canterbury are all likely to pose a significant threat in subsequent rounds.



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Anyone interested in coming down to Kent to support the team please contact me at andrewjrbrown1@gmail.com



The weather at Deal last September was glorious – it may not be as warm this April!

The Mellin Salver 2022

This takes place at West Hill in late June and comprises three tournaments for Over 55s, Over 65s and Over 75s. Loretto's record of late has been fairly patchy but it is always an enjoyable event.

The draw this year sees us in the final quartile of the 16 schools with a first-round match against Bedford with last year's winners, Forest, safely in the top half of the draw.



West Hill – host of The Mellin Salver

THE G. L. MELLIN SALVER				
THURSDAY 30TH JUNE 2022				
	Time	Round 1	Time	Round 2
1	8.20	Forest	1.20	
		Oundle		
2	8.40	Aldenham		
		Cranleigh		
3	9.00	Bradfield	2.00	
		Cheltenham		
4	9.20	Sherborne		
		Haileybury		
5	9.40	Shrewsbury	2.40	
		Downside		
6	10.00	Felsted		
		Hurstpierpoint		
7	10.20	Loretto	3.20	
		Bedford		
8	10.40	Mill Hill		
		Lancing		

The draw for the Burles, the Over 65s, is the same while the Millard, the Over 75s competition, starts with a stableford with the top four proceeding to a knock-out.

OLGS and The Loretto Golf Academy

Over the past couple of years, the Society has been trying to forge closer links with the Golf Academy but sadly COVID has interrupted most of the plans. Finding suitable dates is a challenge at the best of times but Covid restrictions has made it impossible. It is proposed going forward to include in our schedule both a Scratch team match against The Academy and also a social match. Each year members of the Upper Sixth, whatever



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their golfing standard, will be invited to play as an introduction to the Society.

It was hugely encouraging to see the success that The Academy had last year coming second in both the Inter Collegiate Tour Finals and the College Tour Finals and then capping the season with a magnificent win in The HMC National Foursomes Final at Huntercombe.

It was certainly a memorable year for Loretto golf.

Social Fixtures

Robert has summarised this year's fixtures in his email. We are very lucky to have matches at some great clubs and courses; e.g. Muirfield, Prestwick, The New Zealand Club and Liphook. In the south of England, many clubs are now banning society golf at weekends and our two dates at Worplesdon have succumbed to this. Replacing these dates with midweek ones is not an ideal solution as younger members with work commitments find it more difficult to participate. We are looking for solutions but it is not easy – golf club membership has recovered significantly and clubs understandably want to keep their tee times available for members at weekends.

Meanwhile we have again booked The Renaissance for our Autumn Medal, this year on 5th November. Traditionally we have held our AGM in the clubhouse after this event. The Committee has decided that following last year's successful Zoom AGM, in future we will hold the AGM in the first quarter of the year by Zoom. This format actually allows more members to participate and gives more time to discuss Society issues. It will also allow

the post-round time of the Autumn Medal to be more relaxed and informal.



Liphook – where we play a match against the Old Marlburians.

Meanwhile if the cold weather doesn't encourage you to play much at the moment, perhaps you could update your golfing wardrobe by visiting our website and getting yourself some OLGs merchandise through our association with Glenmuir.

<https://www.ol-golf.com/merchandise>



Save the date; The Autumn Medal at The Renaissance on 5th November 2022.