



OLEGA ROUGH CUTS

News shorts for Oxfordshire's golfers

Summer 2025

From our **President Christine Bishop**—We're now well into the season, and the extended dry periods this summer have unfortunately taken a toll on our courses, leaving some fairways and rough areas barer than we would like. The dry ground has certainly produced some fantastic roll on the ball, though it has also led to scores being much higher than usual – one of the ladies in my club carded an incredible 50 Stableford points! We're not sure who was more surprised, her or the rest of us!

The knockout competitions continue to be a highlight of the season and are always greatly enjoyed by clubs. With the semi-final and final days fast approaching, excitement is building, and we are all looking forward to some excellent competition.

Semi Finals followed by Finals

Captain's Trophy	4 th August Drayton Park	Oxford Ladies v Felton Valley Huntercombe v Badgemore
President's Trophy	15 th August Haddon Hill	Frilford Heath v Tadmarton Henley v Feldon Valley
Ann Starkey	3 rd September The Springs	Frilford Heath v Witney Lakes Studley Wood v The Wychwood

Clubs are encouraged to come along to support the players or simply enjoy watching some great golf as we celebrate the culmination of another fantastic season. Please note that The Springs prefer not to have spectators on the course for this competition. If supporters wish to come along they may only watch teams tee off from the first and the tenth tees.

Good luck to everyone taking part and if you are intending to support your team you may be interested in the [Spectator Code](#) which came into effect earlier this year.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS including Mid-Silver & Bronze

Late May saw the County Championship, Mid-Silver, Bronze, Junior and Senior Championships take place over 3 consecutive days at **Burford Golf Club**. It was a wonderful festival of golf and the highlight of our golfing year with some tremendous golf played across all the events, wonderful camaraderie, and a great buzz in and around the Burford Club House. We are grateful to the Club and its members for accommodating us and looking after us so well. The full write up can be found in the News section on our website or by follow this [link](#).



Hajira Elizabeth Rafella

Autumn 3-ball Alliance Monday 8 September at Feldon Valley Golf Club

Entries close on Sunday 17 August at 6pm!

Teams can consist of members from more than one club, and it is a great opportunity to meet, compete and mingle with friends and clubmates across Oxfordshire. We know from County Delegate feedback that these events are valued within the County, so please do sign up and support this event if you can.

Cost is £90 per team and you can sign up on our website.

Oxfordshire represented in the English Women's Champion Club 2025

A team of ladies from Frilford Heath will represent Oxfordshire in the English Women's Champion Club competition held at the City of Newcastle Golf Club between 30-31st August. The OLCGA Executive voted unanimously to use the President's Trophy Final as the qualifying event for this competition, and the 2024 winners were Frilford Heath. The tournament is played over 36 holes of scratch stroke play. The winning club is the club with the lowest combined scores taking the best two of three gross scores per round.

Good luck ladies!

From our [County to Captain Tracy Roberts](#)— single figure golfers are encouraged to join OLCGA squad training sessions. If pushing your golf further, connecting with like-minded individuals, and being considered for [competitive scratch matches](#) is for you, then please do get in touch.

COUNTY MATCH WEEK 2025

Thank you, belatedly, for all the well wishes and interest in this year's [CMW 2025 event](#). This year's CMW was a pretty tough event for us. Although the standard of opposition continues to improve year on year, we had a good team, had spent time on the course, were on good form after the County Championships and had high hopes going into the event.

My summary - the course was physically demanding, the greens and pins were mentally challenging, and as a team we didn't manage to play

to our full potential (it happens in golf, and reflects no lack of desire, effort or will to succeed from anyone over the three days). I am very proud of a team that stuck together, kept its collective chin up, and fought hard all the time despite that. There were some good battles out there each day, and **we loved watching Laura Watkins win on her return to the side, and rookie Charlotte delivering a victory too**. We also appreciated all the support from caddies and others throughout. We are fortunate in that respect.

And finally, my thanks to Caroline Johnson and Nikki Halsall who stepped up and helped me out this year as VCs and will continue to do that for the rest of the year. They did me a huge favour, and will leave those roles come November, leaving me to continue for a second year as Captain in 2026, and in need of a new vice-captain. **If you are interested in supporting the Squad, and taking on the role of Captain in 2027, please do get in touch for an informal conversation.**

Next year it is Oxfordshire's turn to host the CMW event. **Tadmorton Heath** will act as host venue, and planning has already begun in earnest with staff and member of the ladies' section visiting Harewood Downs in June to observe the event and meet with this year's organising committee. We are grateful to the Club and its members for hosting and embracing this significant event on OLCGA's behalf.

Second Team Finals

This event will take place at Castle Royle GC in Berkshire on 21st August. Players without their County Colours are eligible to play for the second team. We wish the team, being Captained by Nikki Halsall, well.

Protecting Our Association's Future

The Executive Committee is exploring the possibility of changing the Association's legal status to a **Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG)**.

Why? In today's increasingly litigious society, our current unincorporated status leaves officers and committee members personally liable for any debts or legal claims against the Association. Becoming a CLG would make the Association a separate legal entity, dramatically reducing personal liability and strengthening our organisational foundation.

This move would also make any potential unification with the **BB&O Golf Association** far simpler in the future.

Importantly, this proposal has the **full support of the Executive Officer currently in place**. However, **no decision will be made without a proper process and full member consultation**. More information will be shared soon, and all members will have the opportunity to ask questions and give feedback before any final decision is taken.

Oxon County Juniors

The Junior County Championships were held this year alongside the main County Championships, at Burford Golf Club at the end of May. Scores were close between the girls and the Title was decided on countback - well done to Phoebe Simons from Tadmarton Heath, the Champion for 2025. The runner up was Hajira Marfleet from Frilford Heath, who did also take away the trophy for the best net score on the day.

The weekend also saw the girls competing in the main championships and the highlight was Hajira taking part in the Mid-Silver competition, where she not only qualified into the knockout rounds, but also went on to win the title - all at the grand old age of 10!

Over the last two months the girls have completed their handicap and scratch matches against Bucks and Berks, to establish who will represent the south of the Midland South region at the finals at the end of August. Whilst we

won the handicap match and halved the scratch match against Bucks with some fantastic play from the girls, despite fighting hard a strong Berks team were victorious in both formats against us. Unfortunately this means we have not qualified for the finals this year and will not be defending the handicap trophy we won in 2024.

Turning to the Junior Girls Academy, over the Summer months this focuses on the development group - these are girls who are either pre handicap, or have just established one. Numbers are continuing to grow in this group, with 11 girls attending the July session. If anyone is interested in coming along to the remaining Development group days (August and September) to see what we do details can be found on the County Website - we offer a free taster session for any girls who come for the first time, and then fees are pro rata for the rest of the season.

The final event that has been held recently was the Girls Summer Meeting at Shrivenham Golf Club in July, with an 18 hole competition for our girls with established handicaps, and a 9 hole competition for those with either recently established or pending handicaps. The 18 hole trophy was won by our Junior County Captain, Kirsty Soffe from Burford, and the 9 hole by Emma Cook from Henley. A huge thank you to all the members at Shrivenham who helped on the day, and especially to Carole Lee who was the main organiser - the girls really appreciated everything (especially the ice creams after play!).

Coming up in August we have the Midland South Team Stableford event at Chiltern Forest GC, where we are hoping to defend our title, followed at the end of the month by the Midland South Junior Championships at Temple GC.

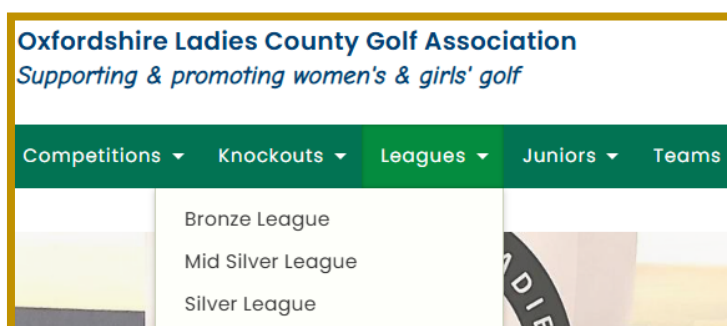
Caroline Pearce—CJO

New Treasurer Required

Our current Treasurer has unfortunately had to step down at the end of this financial year due to personal reasons. This was unexpected, and we are now seeking a new Treasurer to join the committee. The Treasurer plays a vital role in managing the association's finances, preparing budgets, and working closely with the rest of the committee to ensure the smooth running of the association. If you have financial or bookkeeping experience, or feel you could bring strong organisational skills to the role, we would love to hear from you. Full support will be provided during the handover.

To express interest or to find out more, please contact any member of the Executive.

Thank you for your support as we work to fill this important position.



League Information now on our website

Although not administered by the OLCGA, this section of the OLCGA website has been created to provide an online space for the latest fixtures, results and documentation associated with the Silver, Mid-Silver League and Bronze leagues.