

OAGS Autumn Meeting at Ganton – 27/29th September 2019

Friday 27th September – OAGS versus Old Sedberghians - Lost 2 ½ - 1 ½

The match was played in mixed conditions and torrential rain at some points ! Still the venue was enjoyed by all as usual despite the fire on the previous Tuesday which destroyed all of the green keeping machinery. Luckily the Secretary had begged and borrowed from his old club Fulford and the course as usual was in immaculate condition.

The Amplefordians had 10 available to play leading up to the match but sadly both Robin Andrews and Charles Jackson withdrew and *Peter Thomasson* had been given on loan to the opposition who were one short so seven players tee'd off against our old foes from Sedbergh.

Hugh Jackson did his best on his own but fell 8&7, the Henderson brothers managed a good half, *Matt Comacho* and *Nick North* were beaten on the last so it was left to *Browne* and *John Greenan* (playing only his second match for the OAGS) to salvage some pride in a fiercely fought contest against the opposition skipper *Page* and his partner *Garnett* winning 1up. Another loss and we will have to rally next year if we are to take the newly presented trophy off the opposition for the first time !

On returning to the Clubhouse we found the electrics were off due to the fire so bid farewell to our opposition and headed up the road to the Greyhound where the 6 remaining chewed the fat, discussed politics (Br.. t !), the state of the nation and drew up a plan to conquer the world !!

Saturday 29th September – OAGS Singles am/Foursomes pm

With the threat of heavy rain for most of Saturday, by the time we headed onto the first tee Ganton was in glorious sunshine. Another great day's golf was to unfold, with five debutants all getting into the winner's enclosure by the end of the day! The format of the day was singles in the morning, followed by thirteen holes of foursomes after lunch.

The Palengat Cup was retained once more by Charles Jackson who was steady as a rock. The Ampleforth Bowl was won by *Rory Stewart*. The Ganton Driving Mashie was won by *Christian Minchella*.

In the afternoon, The Gibbs Salver was won by *Hugh Jackson* and *Hugo Barnard*, and The Gormire Putter was won by *Max Bonarvia* and *Damien Mullen*.

A great evening then followed with a meal & prize giving at the Fairfax Arms in Gilling, where we were joined by Fr Hugh OSB. Our thanks to Christian Minchella for organising the meeting for the first time and gathering a total of seventeen OA's, young and old.

Winners:

Ganton Driving Mashie [Singles Scratch]: Christian Minchella (30)

Ampleforth Bowl [Singles Hcp]: Rory Stewart (32)

Palengat Cup [Singles over 60]: Charles Jackson (28)

The Gibbs Salver [Foursomes Scratch]: Hugh Jackson & Hugo Barnard

The Gormire Putter [Foursomes Handicap]: Max Bonarvia & Damien Mullen

Sunday 29th September - OAGS v The School

The rain arrived at Ganton on the Sunday morning, and it got progressively worse for the rest of the day. It was decided that the match would be played over thirteen holes. It was a good match against the School and the OAGS were victorious winning the match 3-2. As always the lunch afterwards with Ganton cake was enjoyed by all.

Players over the weekend:

Christian Minchella, Hugh Jackson, Damien Mullen, Nick North, Guy Henderson, Bill Browne, Peter Thomasson, James Raynar, Ian Henderson, Robin Andrews, Charles Jackson, Mark Whittaker, Christian Shepherd, Will Thiele, Max Bonarvia, Hugo Barnard, Rory Stewart.