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Dan Olver: A record-breaking week at St Austell

A gross 62, two previous course records surpassed, another trophy in the cabinet — and a night shift in between.

It's been quite a week for St Austell Golf Club's Dan Olver! On Saturday 7 November 2026, Dan produced an exceptional round of golf, recording a gross 62 to beat both the Club's previous amateur course record of 64 and professional course record of 63.

Just a week later, he added another achievement, winning the Gary Harper Scratch Cup Knockout. Already our reigning Club Champion, Dan is enjoying an impressive run of form.

Having first joined St Austell Golf Club as a junior in June 2002, Dan has been part of the Club for over 24 years. We caught up with him to reflect on his record-breaking round and what it means to him.

A good feeling from the start

Dan knew early on that something special might be on the cards.

> “After the first three holes, I realised my swing felt good and my game was in a good place. I thought I could do something good that day.”

The course record was already on his radar: “I've known what the record was for a while. It's been something I've wanted to achieve for a while.”

Holding his nerve

Despite his excellent golf, Dan admitted that the closing holes were anything but comfortable.

> “I was very twitchy coming in over the final few holes. I knew I had it in my grasp, but it was just about getting over the line and doing it.”

The standout moment was his second shot into the 18th, which cleared the bunker and finished around three feet from the hole. He holed the putt to complete his record-breaking round.

Dan also praised his playing partners, Stuart Lobb, John Walker and Paul Kendall, for keeping things relaxed and sharing a laugh along the way.

A special moment for a lifelong member

For Dan, the achievement means much more than simply posting a low score at his home club.

> “It means a lot because I've been here since I started. It's nice to have my name in the history books, I guess.”

And how did he celebrate a course-record 62? Not with a big night out: he went straight to work for a night shift!

Another trophy to round off the week

As if breaking both previous course records was not enough, Dan returned to competitive action seven days later and won the Gary Harper Scratch Cup Knockout. With the Club Championship title already to his name, the victory rounded off a remarkable week.

Could there be a 61?

Dan believes the record can be broken again — possibly even by him — although he acknowledges the conditions were exceptional.

> “Possibly! I'd have to have another great day, though. You're never going to get better conditions than we had — there wasn't a breath of wind.”

For now, Dan's 62 takes its place in St Austell Golf Club's history, having surpassed both the former amateur mark of 64 and professional mark of 63. We look forward to commemorating the achievement with a permanent display in the clubhouse.

Congratulations, Dan, on your record-breaking round and Gary Harper Scratch Cup Knockout victory. Two fantastic achievements!