



APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER

# Press Golfing Society

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## Skipper tanked-up



WHERE was the captain? Captain Jonathan Baker left the Worplesdon presentation duties to his able vice-captain Jonny Bramley after being forced to miss the meeting.

But he did at least have a very good excuse for not turning up – he was helping entertain Princess Anne at the Bovington Tank Museum.

Jonathan's grandfather Albert fought in the first tank attack in history, during the First World War in France, and features prominently in a new exhibition at the museum to mark the centenary of that battle.

You're forgiven, Jono!



**WORP'S WIZARD:**  
Dylan Dronfield (left) receives his booty from vice-captain Jonny Bramley, and above with Division Two winner Simon Taylor



The News of the World Trophy

## NEXT MEETING:

### Tandridge

Monday 9th May  
[tandridgegolfclub.com](http://tandridgegolfclub.com)  
Godstone Road  
Oxted, Surrey  
RH8 9NQ  
Tel: 01883 712274

Book-in before 2nd May.  
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## 2016 Fixtures

Tandridge  
Monday 9th May

Walton Heath  
President's & Guest Day  
Wednesday 1st June

Coombe Hill  
Monday 4th July

Ashridge  
Tuesday 26th July

Maidenhead  
Captain's Day  
Wednesday 31st August

The Berkshire  
AGM  
Tuesday 20th September

The Berkshire  
Scramble  
Tuesday 15th November

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# Dylan the destroyer

DYLAN 'The Destroyer' Dronfield stormed to a magnificent medal victory in the first meeting of the PGS year.

The five-handicapper, who travels down from his Rutland home to compete in PGS events, romped around Worplesdon in four over par to claim both the lowest gross score and the Lord Riddell Memorial Trophy.

Dylan, aka "DangerMouse", a senior news editor at Sky News and part-time crime novel writer, played in his first Wryter Cup last year and looks nailed on for a place this time after his imperious start to the 2016 season.

Despite one double-bogey, he was the only player in the 43-man field to score lower than his handicap in the one medal round on our calendar.

Dylan's only real rival on the day was in the competition to see who made the longest journey to Worplesdon. Defending Lord Riddell champion James Nursey

completed a 300-mile round trip from his home in Shrewsbury and while he may not have gone home with any silverware he at least had the consolation of qualifying for the Emsley Carr knockout.

Former News of the World and Sun Sport back-bencher Tim Allan,

now relieved of the burden of PGS captaincy, was runner-up in Division One with a net 75, finishing just ahead of the returning Cornelius Bohane on countback.

Former Times journalist Simon Taylor claimed top prize ▶



GOOD LUNCH, GOOD HEALTH! PGS members are offered a second helping of the treacle tart



SAD to report that we have lost two famous PGS members.

**Iain Macaskill**, former political editor of the News of the World and Press Association stalwart, died on March 15 after suffering a brain haemorrhage on his return from a weekend away. A PGS member since 1989, he was always a regular

at Walton Heath President's Day, playing with his son Ross.

BBC TV presenter **Cliff Michelmores**, who died on March 16 at the age of 96, had also been a PGS member, winning the Sir Emsley Carr Memorial trophy in 1966.

► in Division Two, with a superb net 72, just one shot clear of runner-up Keith Malone and third-placed Russell Dewey.

## PGS On Course to help the heroes

WE'VE been given a fantastic opportunity to play a unique round of golf and lend a helping hand to Britain's injured service personnel.

The PGS is joining forces with the Northcliffe Golfing Society to produce a combined team to take on a team of recovering servicemen at the London Club, near Brands Hatch, Kent on Tuesday, August 23.

The service team is being put together by the On Course Foundation, a charity which aims to support the recovery of injured and sick service personnel and veterans through golf.

Founded by Nick Faldo's former manager and IMG legend John Simpson – a good friend to both the PGS and the Northcliffe – the foundation aims to build confidence and self-belief through golf and help veterans find employment in the golf industry.

Their players include several service personnel who have lost limbs in recent conflicts. Their golf – and their attitude to golf – are both astonishing and humbling.

The hope is we might generate some publicity for them to help raise funds.

The London Club are giving free

## SIR EMSLEY CARR MEMORIAL TROPHY

Deadline – first round: Friday May 6

» Club handicaps & full difference

**James Nursey** 7  
**Neale Adams** 11

**Tim Allan** 13  
**Russell Dewey** 21

**Rob Hewer** 9  
**Peter Dazeley** 11

**Patrick Eagar** 16  
**Ian McIlgorm** 12

**Ian Woods** 18  
**Nic Brook** 13

**Tim Dickson** 7  
**Paolo Minoli** 13

**Cornelius Bohane** 13  
**Adam Hunt** 15

**James Murray** 11  
**Keith Malone** 14

**Tim Allan**

**Nic Brook**

**Tim Dickson**



**HAPPY** snappers Patrick Eagar and Ian McIlgorm will go head to head in the pick of the Emsley Carr first-round ties (below).

Both former captains and legendary photographers, there should be no shortage of great pictures from their clash. As usual, the top 16 from the medal round – less those who could not commit to play so much golf – were drawn at the Worplesdon presentation.

First-round matches must be played by Friday, May 6 and results should be notified to secretary Paolo Minoli on [pgssecretary@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:pgssecretary@blueyonder.co.uk)

golf and buggies. This will be the first time the PGS and Northcliffe societies have put out a joint team, so it would be great to get a fantastic response from us. Ideally, we're looking at nine players from each society. If you're interested in playing, just email our secretary, Paolo Minoli – first come, first served for what should be a fabulous day.

### ANDICAPS



## SECOND MEETING: MONDAY, 9th MAY

## TANDRIDGE

### COMPETITION

AM: Singles Stableford  
News of the World Trophy  
– holder Craig MacKenzie

PM: Sir Leicester Harmsworth  
Memorial Trophy, holders Chris  
Murphy & Adam Hunt.

Morning: In three balls from the 1st  
and 10th from 8.45am.

Afternoon: Greensomes from the 1st  
from 14:15.

### ENTRIES

To Paolo Minoli on 020 8800 6244  
or email him on: [pgssecretary@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:pgssecretary@blueyonder.co.uk)  
by Monday, 2nd May.



The Sir  
Leicester  
Harmsworth  
Memorial  
Trophy

### COST

£90 per golfer, includes coffee &  
bacon rolls on arrival and lunch.

### PRIZES

AM: First three in Division 1 and  
Division 2. PM: First three pairs

### TELEPHONE

To book buggies or caddies, please  
contact 01883 712274.

### DIRECTIONS

BY CAR:

From the M25: Exit Junc 6 and take  
the A25 to Godstone. At first round-  
about, take the A25 (left). Follow for  
two miles, over the next roundabout,  
and take the first right, which will  
lead you to the course.

BY TRAIN:

London Victoria to Oxted:  
Walk 30min... or get a cab!

### POSTCODE:

**RH8 9NQ**

## 2016 Matches

**PGS v Northcliffe**  
**Hunstanton &**  
**Royal West Norfolk**  
24–25 April

**PGS v SEGS**  
**Royal Mid Surrey**  
Tuesday 24th May

**PGS v Stage GS**  
**Richmond**  
Monday 27th June

**PGS & NGS v On**  
**Course Foundation**  
**The London Club**  
Tuesday 23rd August

**Phil Sheldon**  
**Trophy**  
**Muswell Hill**  
Monday 12th September

**APG v PGS**  
**XXVI Wryter Cup**  
**Le Touquet**  
25–27 September

**PGS v LSGS**  
**Royal St George's**  
Monday 26th September

**Annual Dinner**  
**Dukes Hotel,**  
**St James's Place**  
Friday 11th November

## Worplesdon results

**Division One** 1st Dylan Dronfield  
(gross 75), net 71, wins Lord Rid-  
dell Memorial Trophy and Scratch  
prize. 2nd (on countback) Tim  
Allan, 75. 3rd Cornelius Bohane,  
75. **Division Two** 1st Simon Taylor,  
net 72. 2nd (on cb) Keith Malone,  
73. 3rd Russell Dewey, 73.

## Wryter Cup standings

–after the first two of the seven  
qualifying rounds

|                 |    |    |    |
|-----------------|----|----|----|
| Dylan Dronfield | 1  | 1  | 2  |
| Simon Taylor    | 8  | 2  | 10 |
| Rob Hewer       | 7  | 10 | 17 |
| Peter Solomons  | 2  | 18 | 20 |
| Adam Hunt       | 8  | 15 | 23 |
| Brian Lee       | 5  | 18 | 23 |
| Ian Woods       | 11 | 15 | 26 |
| Neale Adams     | 24 | 6  | 30 |
| Chester Stern   | 15 | 23 | 38 |
| Nick Jones      | 15 | 26 | 41 |
| Kevin Price     | 19 | 26 | 45 |
| Felix Duckworth | 22 | 25 | 47 |