



AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

# Press Golfing Society

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WEE BEAUTIES! Brian Lee, right, claimed top spot at Ashridge, while above, Scoggins, Kelley, captain Baker, Lee and Nickless all made light of the rough.

Don't miss the Great British Baker-Off final on captain's day! Wild cards, Wryter Cup team places ...all will be decided on August 31. Be there!

## Brian's birdie blitz

BRILLIANT Brian Lee launched a birdie blitz to claim the honours at our Ashridge meeting.

Wee Brian, who became a father for the second time just six weeks ago, had three birdies on the back nine to score 40 points and win the PGS Memorial Salver.

The Mail online sports journo

started the day with a hearty Scots breakfast – two bacon rolls and a Mars bar – and then made light of the tough conditions at Ashridge.

With knee-high rough and trouble just inches off every fairway, Brian gave a masterclass in controlled and accurate golf. Brian, a member at Muswell Hill,

said: "I played nicely and managed to keep it out of trouble. I chipped in and holed a few putts which always helps your score – it doesn't always go like that!"

He will now be playing his PGS golf off 11, having joined the society as an 18 handicapper!

Runner-up in the overall competition was Bryan Nickless, who scored 39 points to win Division One, ahead of Duncan Farmer on 37 and Neale Adams on 36.

In Division Two, the runner-up was Keith Malone with 37 and evergreen Stan Kelley, playing 36 holes for the first time in two years, took third with 31.

Stan should clearly play 36 holes more often, because he and partner Dean Scoggins, in a 'Sun old and new' pairing, combined superbly to take the afternoon greensomes with 42 points.

They finished ahead of two pairings on 40 points – Nickless and Adams claiming second place on countback from the Irish dream team Cornelius Bohane and Ian McIlgorm



Bateson's Billennium Bowl

NEXT MEETING:

### Captain's Day at Maidenhead Weds 31st August

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### ASHRIDGE results

**Division One** 1st Bryan Nickless, 39pts, 2nd Duncan Farmer, 37, 3rd Neale Adams, 36.

**Division Two** 1st Brian Lee, 40pts, wins The PGS Memorial Salver, 2nd Keith Malone, 37, 3rd Stan Kelley, 36.

**Greensomes** 1st Dean Scoggins & Stan Kelley, 42pts, win the Sir Harry Brittain Trophy, 2nd Bryan Nickless & Neale Adams, 40 on countback from, 3rd Cornelius Bohane & Ian McIlgorm.

### Other diary dates

The Berkshire  
AGM

Tuesday 20th September

The Berkshire  
Scramble

Tuesday 15th November

### Annual Dinner

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

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HOW can you have a ball sweep with no balls to give away?

That was the question confronting PGS stalwarts at Ashridge, after selling raffle tickets galore early in the day.

The man charged with bringing the balls to the Hertfordshire course was Kevin Price, but unfortunately he left them at home.

An apologetic Kevin said: "I only made one mistake – I relied on myself..."

Sorry to everyone who bought tickets. Contact Tim Allan ([timallan1@aol.com](mailto:timallan1@aol.com)) if you want your money back.

...or we can have a rollover!





## SIR EMSLEY CARR MEMORIAL TROPHY

James Nursey	7	James Nursey	Tim Allan	Ian McIlgorm
Neale Adams	11			
Tim Allan	13			
Russell Dewey	21	Tim Allan		
Rob Hewer	9			
Peter Dazeley	11	Rob Hewer	Ian McIlgorm	
Patrick Eagar	16			
Ian McIlgorm	12	Ian McIlgorm		
Ian Woods	18			
Nic Brook	12	Nic Brook	Tim Dickson	
Tim Dickson	7			
Paolo Minoli	13	Tim Dickson		
Cornelius Bohane	13			
Adam Hunt	15	Adam Hunt	Adam Hunt	
James Murray	11			
Keith Malone	14	Keith Malone		



Notify results to secretary Paolo Minoli on [pgssecretary@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:pgssecretary@blueyonder.co.uk) Club handicaps & full difference. Semi finals and final to be played at neutral venues.

## Neale and pray for top honours!

WITH our season nearing its finale, new boy Neale Adams leads the way in the race for two of our biggest prizes – the Golden Putter and a place on the Wryter Cup team (see tables, right).

In the battle for the Golden Putter, Neale, who only joined the PGS in August 2015, is two points clear of Keith Malone and five clear of Nic Brook.

The putter standings are decided

by each player's best three results in the first seven PGS meetings of the year – Worplesdon to The Berkshire inclusive in 2016. Neale has been in sparkling form with a second, third and fifth place to stand on 10.

He also tops the Wryter Cup table, which is decided using club handicaps and the best three results from all meetings between The Berkshire last year and the

Maidenhead meeting on August 31. Neale, Rob Hower, Keith Malone, Brian Lee, Simon Taylor and Dylan Dronfield all have scores under 20.

That's usually good enough to claim a place in the team, which this year will be playing the French APG team at Le Touquet from September 25-27.

If you look like you might qualify but cannot make this year's match please let captain Jono Baker know as soon as possible.

He will announce the team at his captain's day at Maidenhead on Wednesday, August 31.

## Fantasy figures

THIS year's Fantasy Managers betting is proving to be a close run thing. Tom Crone, 10, is top of the tipsters ahead of Nic Brook only after the tie break. Nick Jones, 4, is currently third.

## Great Deal on Kent coast golf

IF you want a great Deal on some Kent links golf next week, here it is! Our friends at the Northcliffe are offering up to four PGS members the chance to play in their double-header at North Foreland on Sunday, August 7 and Royal Cinque Ports on Monday, August 8.

Sunday is a midday shotgun start and costs just £20, which includes dinner and wine. The Deal round is £95 and includes a carvery lunch. You can play on either one or on both.

Northcliffe secretary and PGS member Garth Burden has all the details so email him – [gpburden@ntlworld.com](mailto:gpburden@ntlworld.com) - if you want to play. He's also got a good price at a local hotel for the Sunday night.

## SIXTH MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 31st AUGUST MAIDENHEAD

### COMPETITIONS

**MORNING:** Singles from 8am in threeballs. **AFTERNOON:** Ten-hole, three club plus a putter challenge from 3pm.

**HOLDER** – Singles: Adam Hunt defends the Billennium Bowl, while Bryan Nickless is the reigning Harold Lewis Weight for age champ.

### COST

£70 per golfer, includes bacon roll on arrival, golf and lunch followed by sandwiches. The captain will preside at the halfway hut. Yippee!

### ENTRIES: By August 24

Send to Paolo Minoli, on 020 8800 6244. Or you can email Paolo at: [pgssecretary@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:pgssecretary@blueyonder.co.uk)

### PRIZES

First three in Div 1, and first three in Div 2. Nearest the pin & longest drive.

### TELEPHONE

Messages can be left at reception on 01628 624693.

### DRESS CODE

Smart casual.

### HOW TO GET THERE

#### By Train

Take the exit from Maidenhead railway station that leads to Shoppenhangers Road. Turn right, proceed up the hill and the Golf Club is approximately 200 yards along on the left.

#### By Car...from the M40

Leave the motorway at Junction 4 and take the A404 towards Marlow and Henley. Come off at exit 9A signposted Cox Green/White Waltham, which is the last exit before the M4. At the

end of the slip road turn right at the mini-roundabout and continue across the second mini-roundabout into Shoppenhangers Road. Follow this road for approximately one mile and the Golf Club is on the right hand side, opposite Desborough School.

#### From the M4, Junction 8/9

Leave the motorway at junction 8/9, and take the A404 towards Henley and Oxford. Leave this road at the first exit, exit 9A, signposted Cox Green/White Waltham. At the end of the slip road turn left at the mini-roundabout and continue across two mini-roundabouts into Shoppenhangers Road. Follow this road for approximately one mile and the Golf Club is on the right hand side, opposite Desborough School.

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## 2016 MATCHES

### PGS v Stage GS

Richmond  
Monday 22nd August

### PGS & NGS v On Course Foundation

The London Club  
Tuesday 23rd August

### Phil Sheldon Trophy

Muswell Hill  
Monday 12th Sept

### APG v PGS XXVI Wryter Cup

Le Touquet  
25-27 September

### PGS v LSGS

Royal St George's  
Monday 26th Sept

### John Gordon putter

-after 5 of 7 qualifiers. PGS hcps

Neale Adams	5	3	2	10
Keith Malone	3	5	4	12
Nic Brook	7	2	6	15
Rob Hower	13	1	3	17
Duncan Farmer	6	8	3	17
Russell Dewey	3	9	11	23
Peter Dazeley	8	10	6	24
Cornelius Bohane	5	5	17	27
Chris Cutmore	1	18	9	28
Tim Allan	5	16	7	28
Paolo Minoli	8	12	8	28
Bryan Nickless	13	14	2	29
Brian Lee	11	18	1	30
Lee Smith	4	10	16	30
Ian McIlgorm	8	17	12	37
Simon Taylor	2	9	28	39
Chris Walton	4	8	-	12
Neil Bennett	4	9	-	13
Dylan Dronfield	1	18	-	19
Andy Glen	7	17	-	24
Jonathan Bramley	26	2	-	28

### Wryter Cup standings

-one more qualifying round to go.

Club handicaps.

Rob Hower	7	1	2	10
Neale Adams	4	3	3	10
Keith Malone	3	6	4	13
Brian Lee	5	11	1	17
Simon Taylor	8	2	8	18
Dylan Dronfield	1	1	17	19
Neil Bennett	4	7	9	20
Chris Cutmore	1	16	4	21
Duncan Farmer	6	10	5	21
Lee Smith	3	11	11	25
Russell Dewey	5	12	12	27
Andy Glen	3	8	15	28
Cornelius Bohane	6	5	19	30
Bryan Nickless	14	14	2	30
Peter Dazeley	10	13	9	32
Adam Hunt	8	15	15	38
Ian McIlgorm	10	18	13	41
Chester Stern	15	18	10	43
Ian Woods	11	15	17	43
James Murray	6	21	18	45
Nick Jones	15	7	23	45
Chris Walton	4	8	-	12
Peter Solomons	2	18	-	20
Colin Hancock	21	1	-	22

### Trow Stern Trophy

-one qualifier left to go. PGS hcps

Neale Adams	37	25	32	36	130
Bryan Nickless	29	23	19	39	110
Jonathan Baker	29	26	20	30	105
Nic Brook	34	36	-	35	105
Duncan Farmer	34	30	-	37	101
Keith Malone	32	-	30	37	99
Patrick Eagar	29	15	23	30	97
Brian Lee	31	-	23	40	94
Lee Smith	37	27	-	29	93