



JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER

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KING COL
Hancock,
Nickless,
captain Baker,
Cutmore and
Adams were
the champs at
Coombe Hill



Coombe raider Colin

NAIROBI nurdler Colin Hancock came storming out of Africa to claim top prize at Coombe Hill.

The Kenya-based CNN journo was playing his first PGS event in a year and made light of the tough conditions to win with 33 points.

Hancock, playing off 18, was a PGS stalwart before being posted to Africa, rarely missing a meeting and becoming one of the backbones of our Wryter Cup team.

While his attendance may have suffered because of the new job, his form clearly has not. He coped brilliantly with the lightning fast greens and steep hills to win the Mirror trophy by a point from Division One winner Neale Adams.

Now, of course, Colin will have to make another trip back to the UK to pick up his silverware at the annual dinner, which will once again be held at The Duke's Hotel, in November.

He said: "It was great to be back at a PGS day and a very unexpected bonus to win. It's not very often that 33 points wins one of our days. I've

been playing as much as I can in Kenya but that wasn't really much preparation for Coombe Hill's greens."

Colin finished a full five points clear of the runner-up in Division Two, Mail Online's Chris Cutmore, who beat the evergreen Chester Stern into third place on countback.

Neale, playing off 10, topped Division One with 32 points, just

ahead of Rob Hower (now nailed on for a Wryter Cup place) and Neil Bennett, who was third on countback.

After lunch, veteran Bryan Nickless and Chris Cutmore teamed up in the greensomes to win the prized Wilkinson Sword, ahead of Cornelius Bohane and Neale in second and Jim Murray and Roderick Easdale in third.



TALL AND SHORT OF IT! Cutmore (left) still needs cutting down to size as he and The Duke win top afternoon honours

Next up...
July 26th

Ashridge GC

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Tuesday 26th July

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Book-in before 19th July.
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Other diary dates

Maidenhead

Captain's Day

Wednesday 31st August

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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COOMBE HILL results

Division One 1st Neale Adams, 32pts, 2nd Rob Hower, 31, 3rd Neil Bennett, 30, on countback.
Division Two 1st Colin Hancock, 33pts wins The Mirror Trophy, 2nd Chris Cutmore, 28, on c/b. 3rd Chester Stern, 28.

Greensomes 1st Bryan Nickless & Chris Cutmore, 32pts win the Wilkinson Sword, 2nd Cornelius Bohane & Neale Adams, 31, 3rd Jim Murray & Roderick Easdale, 30

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Deadlines -

2nd round: Friday June 24

Semi Finals: Friday August 5

James Nursey 7
Neale Adams 11
Tim Allan 13
Russell Dewey 21

James Nursey

Tim Allan

Tim Allan

Rob Hewer 9
Peter Dazeley 11
Patrick Eagar 16
Ian McIlgorm 12

Rob Hewer

Ian McIlgorm

Ian McIlgorm

Ian Woods 18
Nic Brook 12
Tim Dickson 7
Paolo Minoli 13

Nic Brook

Tim Dickson

Tim Dickson

Cornelius Bohane 13
Adam Hunt 15

Adam Hunt

James Murray 11
Keith Malone 14

Keith Malone

Notify results to secretary Paolo Minoli on pgssecretary@blueyonder.co.uk Club handicaps & full difference. Semi finals to be played at neutral venues.



Help our heroes by playing free golf

THERE'S still time to join our team to play a unique round of golf and help Britain's injured service personnel.

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

Ian Woods, Ian McIlgorm, Chester Stern, Paul Trow, Jamie Weir, Keith Malone and Brian Lee have already signed up, but we can take more for what will be a great day's free golf.

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

If you are interested, just contact Paolo.

'ANDICAPS ..goes to Rio



Congratulations to Jonny Bramley who took part in the torch relay at Dourados, Brazil, prior to the Olympic Games in Rio next month

Golden boy Neale leads from the front

AS the season progresses, things are hotting up at the top of the PGS leader boards.

In the "John Gordon" stakes Neale Adams looks to have a firm grip on the golden putter after his strong performance at Coombe Hill.

Neale also commands pole on the "Trow Stern" trophy which rewards full attendance. Known affectionately as the "Turn-Up Cup" every point counts through the season. So Brook, Hewer et al still have time to make up those missing points.

Captain Baker's Wryter Cup boys are also shaping up fabulously! Hewer, Adams and Malone look to be shoe-ins, while other places are still all very much up for grabs.

There are just two qualifiers left for all three comps. Don't miss out! Enter now for both Ashridge and Captain's Day at Maidenhead!

FIFTH MEETING: TUESDAY, 26th JULY

ASHRIDGE

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COMPETITIONS

MORNING: Singles from 8am in threeballs. AFTERNOON: Greensomes from 2pm. HOLDER - Singles: Jonathan Baker defends the PGS Memorial Salver. Let's hope for better weather this year as the Sir Harry Brittain Trophy was rained-off last year at Hadley Wood.

COST

£95 per golfer, includes coffee & bacon roll on arrival, 36 holes and lunch followed by tea and sarnies.

ENTRIES: By July 19

Send to Tim Allan, on 01494776914.

Or you can email Tim at: timallan1@aol.com

PRIZES

Our thanks to The Telegraph Group for sponsoring the day.

First three in Division 1, and first three in Division 2.

First three pairs in the greensomes

TELEPHONE

Messages can be left at reception on 01442 842244.

DRESS CODE

Jacket and tie for lunch.

Play: Shorts must be tailored and above the knee while socks should be plain knee length. Short white socks, 4" inches above shoe-line are allowed. Phew!

HOW TO GET THERE

From M25: At exit 20 take the A41 towards Aylesbury.

Leave A41 at Chesham exit (A416) and follow signs to Berkhamsted. At traffic lights on the junction with Berkhamsted High Street turn left. After a mile reach Northchurch. Turn right by school and church on to B4506 (called New Road) sign posted Ashridge.

After 3 miles the Club is on the right. Follow the private road to the clubhouse and car park.

BY TRAIN Berkhamsted station is just five miles and 12 minutes away.

POSTCODE for satnavs **HP4 1LY**

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 September

APG v PGS
XXVI Wryter Cup
Le Touquet
25-27 September

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

John Gordon putter

-after four qualifiers. PGS hcps

Neale Adams	5	3	2	10
Keith Malone	3	8	5	16
Rob Hewer	13	1	3	17
Russell Dewey	3	9	11	23
Nic Brook	15	7	2	24
Peter Dazeley	8	10	6	24
Cornelius Bohane	5	5	17	27
Chris Cutmore	1	18	9	28
Paolo Minoli	8	12	8	28

Wryter Cup standings

-after the first five of the seven

Rob Hewer	7	1	2	10
Neale Adams	6	4	3	13
Keith Malone	3	8	6	17
Simon Taylor	8	2	8	18
Chris Cutmore	1	16	4	21
Russell Dewey	3	12	12	27
Cornelius Bohane	6	5	19	30
Peter Dazeley	10	13	9	32
Brian Lee	5	11	17	33
Adam Hunt	8	15	15	38
Duncan Farmer	24	6	10	40
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	26	7	48
Bryan Nickless	14	14	22	50
Dylan Dronfield	1	1	2	
Lee Smith	3	11	14	
Andy Glen	5	8	13	

Trow Stern Trophy

-after three qualifiers. PGS hcps

Neale Adams	37	25	32	94
Chris Cutmore	41	20	28	89
Paolo Minoli	30	24	29	83
Chester Stern	27	22	28	77
Jonathan Baker	29	26	20	75
Bryan Nickless	29	23	19	71
Nic Brook	34	36	-	70
Rob Hewer	38	31	-	69
Patrick Eagar	29	15	23	67