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BENNETT-ON! Captain Jono Baker congratulates his Maidenhead winners, Neil Bennett (left) and Chris Stevens.



The Sir George Sutton salver

NEXT MEETING:
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**The Berkshire
and AGM**

Tues 20th Sept
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Neil's our TV winner

FORMER BBC journo Neil Bennett was a fitting winner of the top prize on captain Jonathan Baker's big day at Maidenhead Golf Club.

Jonathan, also a former BBC man, is the first broadcast journalist to captain the PGS and was delighted to see 12-handicapper

Neil come in with 37 points. That was good enough to take the Billennium Bowl and first place in Division One, just ahead of Duncan Farmer on 35 and Peter Solomons, who scored 34 on his second PGS outing of the year.

Maidenhead, although soon to

disappear under housing, proved a great test for the 34 starters. While the course is relatively short and looks very playable, a combination of tough bunkers and small greens kept the scores down.

In Division Two, the top three all scored 31 points and had to be separated on countback, with Chris Stevens making a welcome return to winning ways. He finished just ahead of a very surprised Jeremy Chapman and Sun man Dean Scoggins.

Thanks to Jono and his wife, Diane, who were on hand to provide a very well-stocked halfway hut beside the 10th green.

In the afternoon, we played a 10-hole, three-club challenge in teams of three with the best two scores to count.

BBC boys Bennett and Jonny Bramley, just back from two months masterminding the Olympic coverage in Rio, alongside teammate Paolo Minoli, scorched to victory with an outrageous 47 points.



Other diary dates

**The Berkshire
Scramble**
Tuesday 15th November

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

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CAPTAIN'S DAY results

Division One 1st Neil Bennett, 37pts, wins the Billennium Bowl, 2nd Duncan Farmer, 35, 3rd Peter Solomons, 34.

Division Two 1st Chris Stevens, 31pts on countback, 2nd Jeremy Chapman, 31, wins the Harold Lewis Weight for Age, 3rd Dean Scoggins, 31.

Three-club challenge 1st Neil Bennett, Jonny Bramley & Paolo Minoli, 47pts, 2nd Nic Brook, Patrick Eagar & Tom Crone 40pts

SIR EMSLEY CARR MEMORIAL TROPHY

THIS year's Emsley Carr knockout was full of craic as our two genial giants from Co Antrim's Causeway Coast slugged it out in the final.

Ian McIlgorm (Coleraine) met Tim Dickson (Portrush) over 36 holes at The Berkshire in what proved to be an epic all-Ireland encounter.

Golf Quarterly editor Tim was out of the blocks fast, dropping just one shot over the opening ten holes of the Blue course to storm ahead - 7up. Snapper Ian

didn't lose focus though. Taking irons off the tee to avoid the "brutal" heather he slowly started clawing his way back, remembering the old adage "a lot can happen over 36 holes."

So it proved! By lunch Ian had closed the deficit to 4 holes. Six holes of the Red course later and the match stood all square.

Congratulations then to Big Mac who went on to claim his first Emsley Carr victory, closing out the match on the 34th by 3&2.

James Nursey	7	James Nursey	Tim Allan	Ian McIlgorm	Ian McIlgorm won 3&2
Neale Adams	11				
Tim Allan	13				
Russell Dewey	21	Tim Allan			
Rob Hewer	9	Rob Hewer	Ian McIlgorm		
Peter Dazeley	11				
Patrick Eagar	16	Ian McIlgorm	Ian McIlgorm		
Ian McIlgorm	12				
Ian Woods	18	Nic Brook	Tim Dickson	Tim Dickson	
Nic Brook	12				
Tim Dickson	7	Tim Dickson	Adam Hunt		
Paolo Minoli	13				
Cornelius Bohane	13	Adam Hunt	Adam Hunt		
Adam Hunt	15				
James Murray	11	Keith Malone			
Keith Malone	14				



Captain Jono's got it all Wryte

CAPTAIN Jonathan Baker named a powerful side for his bid to win the Wryter Cup at Le Touquet later this month.

After the final qualifying event at captain's day, the team to play the French is led by rookie Neale Adams, who topped the standings.

He and Jono will be joined by Rob Hewer, Dylan Dronfield, Keith Malone, Nic Brook, Chris Cutmore, Andy Glen, Peter Solomons, Bryan Nickless, Ian McIlgorm, Duncan

Farmer, Simon Taylor, Russell Dewey, Colin Hancock and Tim Allan.

After the heartbreak of last year's tied match at Royal Portrush, we're all hoping for sweet revenge this time around.

A big thank you to our pals at Golf Planet Holidays, who have done us a great deal on the Eurotunnel for the Wryter Cup.

Morgan Clarke, their director of holiday sales and son of PGS legend Tom, has also promised 'mates' rates' on all their golf trips so be sure to check out their website at www.golfplanetholidays.com.

Neale-y there...

NEALE Adams leads the way in a titanic battle to be crowned our Golfer of the Year.

With just the final meeting of the season to go - at The Berkshire on September 20 - Neale tops the John Gordon Golden Putter rankings by just a single point. Duncan Farmer leads the pursuit.

In an incredibly close battle, there is just one point between each of the top five.

The Berkshire meeting is also our AGM and the last meeting at which Paolo Minoli will be our secretary.



PGS help our heroes

SEVERAL PGS stalwarts joined forces with the Northcliffe GS for a special challenge match against some of our injured service personnel.

The London Club donated both the golf and buggies for the match, which acted as a warm-up for the service team ahead of their Ryder Cup-style match against their American coun-

terparts at Oakhill. The service team was put together by the On Course Foundation, which was founded and is run by former IMG chief John Simpson.

Our Sky TV members arranged for the match to be filmed, with footage due to be used during next month's Ryder Cup coverage.

SEVENTH MEETING: TUESDAY, 20th SEPT THE BERKSHIRE

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COMPETITIONS

MORNING: Singles from 8am in threeballs on The Red course.

AFTERNOON: Greensomes on The Blue course from 1:30pm.

HOLDER - Singles: Dylan Dronfield defends the Sun Challenge Trophy (right), while Nick Buckley and Richard Jeffrey were the 2015 winners of the Sir George Sutton Salver.

COST

£110 per golfer, includes golf and lunch. The AGM will follow the prizegiving. Pay online acc 40749648 sort 204141.



ENTRIES:

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

PRIZES

First three in Div 1 and Div 2. First three pairs in the afternoon

TELEPHONE

Messages can be left at reception on 01344 621 495. Pro shop

DRESS CODE

Jacket and tie in the clubhouse.

HOW TO GET THERE

By Train

Five minutes in a taxi from Ascot stn.

By Car

APPROACHING FROM M4 (WEST)
Leave at exit 10 on to A329(M) to Bracknell. Take A322 (Bagshot); look for sharp left-hand turn onto A332 (Ascot). The Club is about half a mile on the left.

APPROACHING FROM M4 (EAST)

Leave at exit 6 on to A332 (Windsor-Ascot). After leaving Ascot Race Course continue over the roundabout, The Club is about 2 miles on the right.

APPROACHING FROM M3

Leave at exit 3 on to A322 (Bagshot-Bracknell); look for the right-hand lane - A332 (Ascot). The Club is about half a mile on the left.

APPROACHING FROM A30

Turn left at Cricketers Arms (Bagshot) onto A322, look for the right-hand lane - A332 (Ascot). The Club is about half a mile on the left.

APPROACHING FROM GUILDFORD

Follow A322 (Bagshot-Bracknell); look for the right-hand lane - A332 (Ascot). The Club is about half a mile on the left.

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2016 MATCHES

APG v PGS
XXVI Wryter Cup

Le Touquet
25-27 September

PGS v LSGS
Royal St George's
Monday 3rd Oct

John Gordon putter

One qualifier to go.

PGS hcps

Neale Adams	5	3	2	10
Duncan Farmer	6	3	2	11
Keith Malone	3	5	4	12
Neil Bennett	4	9	1	14
Nic Brook	7	2	6	15
Rob Hewer	13	1	3	17

Paolo Minoli	8	8	5	21
Russell Dewey	3	9	11	23
Peter Dazeley	8	10	6	24
Tim Allan	5	7	13	25
Cornelius Bohane	5	5	17	27
Chris Cutmore	1	18	9	28
Bryan Nickless	13	14	2	29
Brian Lee	11	18	1	30
Lee Smith	4	10	16	30

Wryter Cup team

Team members already qualified

Jonathan Baker
Ian McIlgorm (Emsley Carr winner)
Colin Hancock (captain's pick)

Wryter Cup table

(Team members in bold)

Rob Hewer	7	1	2	10
Neale Adams	4	3	3	10
Neil Bennett	4	7	1	12
Duncan Farmer	6	5	2	13
Keith Malone	3	6	4	13
Nic Brook	7	2	6	15
Brian Lee	5	11	1	17
Simon Taylor	8	2	8	18
Dylan Dronfield	1	1	17	19
Chris Cutmore	1	16	4	21
Peter Solomons	2	18	3	23
Tim Allan	11	6	7	24
Lee Smith	3	11	11	25
Russell Dewey	3	12	12	27
Andy Glen (pick)	5	8	15	28
Cornelius Bohane	6	5	19	30
Bryan Nickless (pick)	14	14	2	30

Trow Stern Trophy

One qualifier to go.

PGS hcps

Neale Adams	37	25	32	36	29	159
Duncan Farmer	34	30	-	37	35	136
Nic Brook	34	36	-	35	30	135
Patrick Eagar	29	15	23	30	30	127
Keith Malone	32	-	30	37	26	125
Chris Cutmore	41	20	28	-	28	117
Paolo Minoli	30	24	29	-	32	115
Tim Allan	29	22	-	33	29	113
Bryan Nickless	29	23	19	39	-	110