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"...AND FINALLY"
Paolo says Ciao
at The Berkshire.

Perfect Paolo steps down

PAOLO MINOLI formally stepped down as PGS secretary at The Berkshire AGM, bringing to an end 16 years of outstanding service.

The urbane and unflappable Paolo has run the society with unfailing courtesy and charm throughout that time.

Indeed, it was only during the heat of Wryter Cup battles against the French that anyone ever heard Paolo raise his voice.

He was clearly moved as he was unanimously voted in as our newest

vice-president - a richly deserved honour after that outstanding stint in the hotseat.

Committee and past captains held a special lunch for Paolo at the East India Club on Friday, October 14 and we shall also give a nod to the Minoli years at the PGS annual dinner on Friday, November 11.

Paolo will now have more time to spend searching the undergrowth for mushrooms, riding his bike and practising his golf.



The Beast tames The Berkshire

ROB HEWER warmed up for the Wryter Cup with a stunning victory at The Berkshire to claim The Sun Challenge trophy.

On a sensational day for scoring at the wonderful Surrey course, free-lance TV sports producer Rob powered to a brilliant 39 points off his PGS handicap of six.

But the man they call The Beast, who plays his club golf off nine, only won on countback from PGS vice-captain Jonny Bramley, who scored an astonishing 24 Stableford points on the front nine.

Rob, who played with Dylan Dronfield and Division Two winner Ian Woods, said: "It was one of the best PGS days I can remember - we were all playing well and everything clicked for us. They don't come along very often so it's important to enjoy them when they do."

Rob didn't have much time to enjoy his win. He flew out that night to work on the ladies' tour



BEASTLY! Rob Hower strides to victory (left) while captain Jono Baker congratulates Adam Hunt, Jamie Weir and Ian Woods.

event in Malaga, before joining up with the Wryter Cup team in Le Touquet.

Evergreen Nic Brook, also a member of the Wryter Cup team, claimed third place in Division One with 38 points.

With The Berkshire the first qualifier for next year's Wryter Cup, Rob is now in prime position to claim a place in Bramley's team for Royal Portrush.

Sky News reporter Woods took

Division Two with 38 points, finishing two clear of yet another Wryter Cup man Simon Taylor on 36 and Adam Hunt on 34.

After the magnificent Berkshire lunch, Hunt partnered Jamie Weir in the foursomes to win the Sir George Sutton Salver with 36 pts.

That put them just one point ahead of now former PGS secretary Paolo Minoli and Ian McIlgorm and three clear of the returning Colin Hancock and Peter Solomons.

Next diary date

Annual Dinner

Dukes Hotel

St James's Place

SW1A 1NY

Friday 11th November

Book your place now with Tim Allan
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NEXT MEETING
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The Berkshire Red

Scramble and charity auction

Tues 15th Nov

theberkshire.co.uk

Swinley Road

Ascot

Berkshire SL5 8AY

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Coming soon!
Le Touquet Wryter Coup(!)
souvenir edition

Newsletter edited
by TIM ALLAN
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THE BERKSHIRE results

Division One 1st Rob Hower, 39pts, wins The Sun Challenge Trophy, on countback from 2nd Jonathan Bramley, 39, 3rd Nic Brook, 38.

Division Two 1st Ian Woods, 38pts, 2nd Simon Taylor, 36, 3rd Adam Hunt, 34.

PM foursomes 1st Adam Hunt & Jamie Weir, 36pts win the Sir George Sutton Salver, 2nd Paolo Minoli & Ian McIlgorm, 35pts, 3rd Colin Hancock & Peter Solomons 33pts

FIXTURES FOR 2017

Monday, March 20
London New Zealand,
Medal round

Monday, April 24
Bearwood Lakes

Tuesday, May 23
Walton Heath,
President's Day

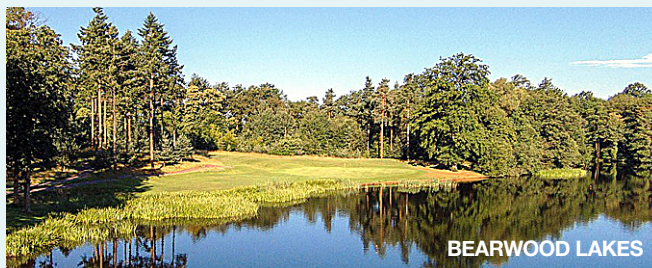
Monday, July 3
Hadley Wood

Tuesday, July 25
Ashridge

Tuesday, August 29
Wyke Green,
Captain's Day

Tuesday, September 19
The Berkshire, AGM

Tuesday, November 14
The Berkshire, Scramble



BEARWOOD LAKES

MATCHES

Sunday, March 26
- **Monday, March 27**
v Northcliffe GS,
Woodhall Spa

Tuesday, April 4
Captains' Reunion,
Walton Heath Old

Tuesday, May 30
v Stock Exchange GS,
Royal Mid Surrey

Monday, June 26
v The Stage GS,
Richmond

TBC - Phil Sheldon Trophy

Monday, September 25
v London Solicitors GS,
Royal St George's

Sunday, October 1
- **Tuesday, October 3**
XXVII Wryter Cup,
Royal Portrush

We've a new seccey ...be very afraid!

TIM ALLAN was voted in as secretary at the post-Berkshire AGM and he has a new PGS email address - secretary@pressgs.co.uk.

His phone numbers are 01494 776914 and 07785 275631- feel free to call him with any suggestions or queries.

The new website is also up and running - pressgs.co.uk - so do check that out and let Tim know if you have any suggestions.

We're working on getting the full results of each competition up there for next season.

It seems not everyone is receiving the emails he is sending.

Every PGS member should have received both an invitation to the Berkshire Scramble and an invitation to the Captain's Dinner from that address.

If you didn't get either of these, could you let Tim know as soon as possible? Try emailing the new

address and also send it to timallan1@aol.com or give him a call.

Please check your junk or spam folders and/or add the new address to your 'safe senders' list.

Until we're sure the new address is working properly, you may well get PGS emails from both the new address and Tim's aol address - apologies if this means you get the same thing twice.

Scramble for end of year auction

OUR last event of the year is the traditional Christmas Scramble, followed by our auction to raise money for the Journalists' Charity.

Entries are now open so just email new PGS secretary Tim Allan on the new address - secretary@pressgs.co.uk

Each team of four must feature one player with handicap 0-9, one from 10-14, and two 15 or above.

And please remember - every PGS member who plays is expected

to bring in something we can auction for good money! Use your contacts, grab stuff from the office or ask your club if they'll provide a fourball. Monty Court will once again be our auctioneer.

Sign up for Capt Jono's dinner

JOIN captain Jonathan Baker at the annual dinner on Friday, November 11, when this year's silverware will be handed out - and the Wryter Cup will be on show.

BBC golf correspondent Iain Carter, fresh from the Ryder Cup, will be Jono's guest speaker so it promises to be a great evening.

It would be wonderful to see all this year's trophy winners there and partners are very welcome.

The dinner is at the same venue as last year - Duke's Hotel, 35 St James's Pl, London SW1A 1NY.

Tickets are £65 a head. Email Tim Allan (secretary@pressgs.co.uk) to book your place.

OUR two season-long trophies that reward merit through the PGS year were determined at The Berkshire.

Neale Adams had been in pole position for The John Gordon Golden Putter and The Trow Stern trophy but was pipped on the home straight in both contests.

Rob Hower roared through the grid to claim the putter, while Nic Brook edged it in the Trow-Stern "turn-up" challenge.

Results below, but also available in full on the PGS website www.pressgs.co.uk/results

John Gordon putter

Three best finishes from seven qualifying meetings Mar-Sept.

Final results

PGS hcps

Rob Hower	1	3	1	5
Neale Adams	5	3	2	10
Duncan Farmer	6	3	2	11
Nic Brook	7	2	4	12
Keith Malone	3	5	4	12
Neil Bennett	4	1	8	13
Simon Taylor	2	9	6	17
Bryan Nickless	13	2	5	20
Paolo Minoli	8	8	5	21
Russell Dewey	3	9	11	23
Jonathan Bramley	2	20	2	24
Peter Dazeley	8	10	6	24
Tim Allan	5	7	13	25
Dylan Dronfield	1	18	7	26
Cornelius Bohane	5	5	17	27
Chris Cutmore	1	18	9	28
Brian Lee	11	18	1	30
Lee Smith	4	10	16	30
Ian Woods	15	15	3	33
Peter Solomons	22	4	10	36
Ian McIlgorm	8	17	12	37
Nick Jones	7	23	9	39
Jonathan Baker	14	11	15	40
Patrick Eagar	15	13	12	40

Trow Stern Trophy

Players' points totals from the six Stableford meetings Apr-Sept.

Final results

PGS hcps

Nic Brook	34	36	-	35	30	38	173
Neale Adams	37	25	32	36	29	-	159
Keith Malone	32	-	30	37	26	30	155
Patrick Eagar	29	15	23	30	30	23	150
Bryan Nickless	29	23	19	39	-	37	147
Paolo Minoli	30	24	29	-	32	31	146
Tim Allan	29	22	-	33	29	28	141
Duncan Farmer	34	30	-	37	35	-	136
Neil Bennett	-	-	30	31	37	35	133
Jonathan Baker	29	26	20	30	-	27	132
Khalid Javed	26	-	26	22	25	33	132
Chester Stern	27	22	28	-	28	25	130

'ANDICAPS at the AGM



EIGHTH MEETING: TUESDAY, 15th NOV

THE BERKSHIRE

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COMPETITIONS

MORNING: Texas Scramble. Shotgun start at 9am in fourballs on The Red course.

COST

£85 per golfer, includes golf and lunch. Our annual Journalists' Charity auction will follow the prizegiving. Pay online acc 40749648 sort 204141.

ENTRIES:

Send to Tim Allan, on 01494 776914 and 07785 275631. Or you can email Tim at secretary@pressgs.co.uk

PRIZES

First three teams.

TELEPHONE

Messages can be left at reception on 01344 621 495.

DRESS CODE

Jacket and tie in the clubhouse.

HOW TO GET THERE

By Train

Five minutes in a taxi from Ascot stn. Contact Tim if you intend travelling on the increasingly popular "Scramble's Express". Regulars will sort out cabs.

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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