



Press Golfing Society

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2017 FIXTURES

New Zealand

Monday 20th March

Northcliffe GS

Woodhall Spa
26– 27 March

Captains' Reunion

Walton Heath Old
Tuesday 4th April

Bearwood Lakes

Monday 24th April

Walton Heath

President's & Guest
Day Tuesday 23rd May

The Stage GS

Richmond
Monday 26th June

Hadley Wood

Monday 3rd July

Phil Sheldon

Trophy
TBC

Ashridge

Tuesday 25th July

Wyke Green

Captain's Day
Tuesday 29th August

The Berkshire

AGM
Tuesday 19th September

PGS v LSGS

Royal St George's
Monday 25th September

APG v PGS

XXVII Wryter Cup
Royal Portrush
1–3 October

Annual Dinner

Venue TBC
Friday 10th November

The Berkshire

Scramble
Tuesday 14th November

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CHEERS FOR CHERRIE!
Raffle winner Nick, left, led the scramblers with Paul Buttle, Kevin Price and Duncan Jeffcock

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Cherrie on the top

NICK Cherrie had a Scramble day to remember at a balmy, sun-kissed Berkshire.

The Sunday Mirror stalwart was in sparkling form to lead his team to victory – and then took the big money prize in the £10-a-head charity draw.

Cherrie hit two eagles with his own ball to help team-mates Kevin Price, Paul Buttle and Duncan Jeffcock to victory with a 10-under-par 62.

Winning the Scramble, once again sponsored by our great friend Paddy Power, is becoming something of a habit for Paul and Duncan, who took the top

honours last year alongside Tim Allan and Sam Morgan.

Cherrie's team finished three shots clear of the field, with Chris Stevens, Jon Moorhead, Lloyd Embley and Felix Duckworth ahead of Ian McIlgorm, John Morgan, Sam Morgan (no relation to last year's winner) and Ross Slater.

The BBC team of new captain Jonny Bramley, retiring captain Jonathan Baker, Rick Evans and Andy Glen finished fourth of the 21 teams who took part.

As usual, the Scramble brought out the very best of the PGS, with 60 members taking part alongside more than 20 guests. After the

spectacular Berkshire lunch, PGS vice-president Monty Court led the fund-raising for the Journalists' Charity.

As an auctioneer, Monty is second to none – a mixture of good-natured bullying and humorous charm – and so helped us raise more than £3,300 for a very worthy cause.

The auction highlights included stays at La Manga and La Quinta, a Matt cartoon and a fourball at Royal Portrush, venue for next year's Wryter Cup as well as the 2019 Open. The Portrush trip was won by Colin Hancock.

Put next year's PGS dates in your diary – our first meeting is our medal round and qualifier for the Emsley Carr knockout at The New Zealand Club on Monday, 20th March.



Bubbles up!

JONNY 'Bubbles' Bramley took over as our new captain at The Berkshire and celebrated long into the night.

As a proud Ulsterman, Jonny is delighted to be taking the Wryter Cup back to Royal Portrush in October, when he'll be trying to defend the trophy we won in Le Touquet.

BBC golf boss Jonny said: "It's a huge privilege and honour to become captain of the PGS. I'm really looking forward to the year and to taking on the French again in Portrush."

"It's good to know we can get a half next year and still keep the trophy!"



New website

OUR new website – pressgs.co.uk – is up and running! It's got all the dates of our society days and matches next year, as well as contact information for the clubs.

You'll also find past newsletters and a little bit of history. If you think anything should be added – or if you spot any cock-ups – please let secretary Tim Allan know (secretary@pressgs.co.uk).



Dukes of hazard

Several PGS trophies had an interesting evening at the final event of captain Jonathan Baker's year in the hotseat.

After a great dinner at Dukes Hotel, St James's Place, a few PGS members went on to the bar of a Leicester Square casino, accompanied by at least eight of the society's trophies. Despite

several close calls, members, partners and trophies all made it back home safely!

The annual dinner is where all the year's silverware is handed out and is always a great evening.

Next year's is on Friday, 10th November at a venue to be decided. Make sure you get along!



Captain Jono Baker presents the PGS silverware. And the winners were (l to r, from the top)...Colin Hancock, Tim Allan, Bryan Nickless & Chris Cutmore, guest speaker Iain Carter entertains, Rob Hewer (the winner of three trophies), Jamie Weir, Nic Brook, Neil Bennett, Chris Cutmore, Stan Kelley (gets an IOU for the Sir Harry Brittain trophy) and Ian McIlgorm. In the final frame Jonathan hands on the captain's chain of office to successor, Jonny Bramley.