



MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

Press Golfing Society

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J TO B: Jono Baker hands the captaincy on to Jonny 'Bubbles'

Bubbles up for it!

IT gives me huge pleasure to welcome you to another season of golf with the PGS. It's a great honour for me to be your captain – I guess broadcaster captains of the PGS are like London buses: none for 112 years and then two come along at once.

I am very excited about the forthcoming year and we have some great new venues on our rota which I hope will offer affordable, challenging and dramatic golf. Our first meeting is at the New Zealand Club, a classic

By 2017 PGS captain Jonny 'Bubbles' Bramley

Surrey heathland course ranked in England's Top 100. My Captain's Day is at Wyke Green, a more modest but difficult course easily accessible in West London.

And of course it all climaxes with the Wryter Cup at the magnificent Royal Portrush Golf Club, where the new Open Championship layout will be in play. I expect competition for places to be fierce as we seek to retain the Cup for the

first time in over 10 years after captain Jono Baker's superb triumph in Le Touquet last year.

I'd also like to offer my warmest thanks in advance to our Secretary Tim Allan. Tim takes over fully from the remarkable Paolo Minoli who devoted 16 years of outstanding service as Secretary and who continues as Treasurer.

I hope that you'll support the meetings and matches as much as possible and I look forward to seeing you all over the course of the season.

Paolo's thanks

TO all PGS members I would like to say thank you for the past 16 years of wonderful golf and friendship.

It has been a real privilege to be your secretary and I have enjoyed our days and matches immensely, from Union Jack trousers, the wild winds of Ballyliffin to the 19th hole at all of our venues.

I must also thank you for a splendid last year and your immense generosity. I was indeed very overwhelmed by your gifts and your messages of goodwill and thanks.

I can now look forward to some even more relaxed days on the golf course with you!



Take a trip to New Zealand



OUR season gets underway on March 20 at a brand new PGS course – the New Zealand.

We'll be playing our one medal round of the year, with the top 16 qualifying for the Emsley Carr knockout. It's one round and lunch all for the princely sum of £68.

An old-style Surrey heathland course, it promises to be a great test. It's had glowing reviews from those

MONDAY 20th MARCH

Sir Emsley Carr Qualifier

New Zealand GC

Woodham Lane, Woking,
Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 3QD
Tel: 01932 345049

who've already played it and there's no restriction on numbers for our day. Just email Tim Allan – secretary@pressgs.co.uk – to reserve your place.

We'll also have our usual Fantasy

League, in which you can predict this season's top four finishers on our 'money list'.

It's just £5 to enter, with the winners picking up their cash at The Berkshire Scramble.

2017 FIXTURES

New Zealand GC

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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MEDAL ROUND

Lord Riddell Memorial Trophy (best nett score)
Holder: Dylan Dronfield, nett 71. Dylan also won the gross score prize for his round of 75

Play in threeballs from 9am. The first 16 qualify for the Sir Emsley Carr Memorial Trophy knockout (right), with the draw made after the prizegiving. If you do NOT wish to play in the Emsley Carr, please notify Tim or mention it at the start of the day to give other members a chance to play in our only matchplay event. The two finalists gain automatic selection for the Wryter Cup in October.

COST

£68 per golfer, includes golf and lunch. 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 If your email entry hasn't been acknowledged,



please call Tim. The start sheet is open from now until Wednesday, March 15.

DRESS CODE

Jacket and tie in the clubhouse.

PRIZES

First three in Division 1, and first three in Div 2. There's also a bottle of champagne for the best gross score.

TELEPHONE

Messages can be left at the club on 01932 345049.

HOW TO GET THERE

By Train

Nearest station is West Byfleet, which is reached from Waterloo. Journey times from Waterloo 28-43mins.

By Car

J11 M25. Take A317 St Peter's Way. Left at the roundabout on to A320 Guildford Road. Turn left at first roundabout after McLaren F1 HQ, then left on to A245 Woodham Way. Golf club entrance is on left hand side.

POSTCODE for satnavs KT15 3QD



STAGE LEFT ...to RIGHT: Dean Chisnall, captain Philippa and Dougray Scott

Philippa takes centre stage

FORMER PGS captain Philippa Kennedy has become the first woman to captain The Stage Golfing Society in its 115-year history.

Journalist and broadcaster Kennedy was confirmed as captain at the society's AGM in February at Richmond Golf Club where the SGS has a permanent home.

Actor Dougray Scott (Enigma, Mission Impossible 2) is this year's President and musical theatre star Dean Chisnall (Blood Brothers, Shrek) the new Vice-Captain.

Kennedy, currently Ombudsman for The Sun, was the first woman news editor of the

Daily Express and later its Wednesday columnist.

She was PGS captain in 2003 and started the annual fixture against the SGS 10 years ago. This year's match is at Richmond GC on Monday, June 26.

Kennedy said: "It's great to see how well these two groups of people get on. Actors always need an audience and media people are great listeners. I hope the PGS will bring its A-team this year. We look forward to giving you a good match, nice lunch and a bit of craic afterwards. As always, my loyalties are divided but this year they have to be with the SGS."

FIXTURES FOR 2017

Your cut-out and keep guide to the PGS year

MONDAY, MARCH 20

New Zealand, Medal round & Sir Emsley Carr qualifier

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Venue TBC
70th Annual Dinner

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

The Berkshire, Scramble



The new 7th & 8th holes under construction at Royal Portrush

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 v APG, Royal Portrush

