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AUNTIE'S BOOMERS: Captain Jonny congratulates Memorial Salver winner Neil Bennett and Harry Brittain trophy champs Jono Baker and Rick Evans

BBC legends shrugged off the controversy over their mega-salaries to claim the major prizes at sun-kissed Ashridge.

Former BBC reporter Neil Bennett made a stunning season debut by claiming the PGS Memorial Salver in the singles, while his old colleagues Jono Baker and Rick Evans took the afternoon greensomes.

Neil, who claimed he'd had too much freelance work to play in any of our earlier events this year, stormed round the magnificent Hertfordshire course in 38 points.

That was good enough to put him one clear of Khalid Javed and three clear of captain Jonny Bubbles Bramley in Division One.

The Royal Mid-Surrey member said: "It was a great way to start my PGS season and lovely to play so well on what was a good test of golf."

Khalid has now finished in the prizes at the last four PGS meetings, being cut one shot each time under the PGS handicapping rules. Less than a year ago he was off 15, but will now be playing his PGS golf off 10.

Jono and Rick were in sparkling form after lunch, winning the greensomes with 40 points, just ahead of Mail on Sunday duo Ian McIlgorm and Ross Slater in second and the irrepressible Khalid and Michael Herd in third.

Those who saw a resurgent Rick in action claimed he had re-invented the game, by spurning both his driver and a tee peg. Instead, he placed the ball on the teebox turf, pulled out his three wood and smashed it miles down the fairway. A lesson for us all, perhaps...

Ashridge was in great nick, with quick greens and some very testing

Payday for Beeb boys

Bennett, Baker and Evans cash in at Ashridge

pin positions. The lunch was as wonderful as always but the highlight for many was the after-match drink on the terrace, bathed in warm early evening sunshine. A few stayed on to enjoy the late

evening sunshine and, indeed, the early darkness.

To complete the prizes, Paul Sherwood took Division Two with 36 points, one clear of Chris Cutmore and two clear of Ian McIlgorm.



ASHRIDGE SPLENDOR: The PGS entertained on the terrace

Don't miss
CAPTAIN BUBBLES' DAY
TUESDAY
29th AUGUST

WYKE GREEN

Syon Lane
Osterley
Isleworth
Middlesex TW7 5PT
Tel: 020 8560 8777
wykegreengolfclub.co.uk

Remaining 2017 fixtures

Phil Sheldon Trophy

Muswell Hill
Monday 11th September

The Berkshire AGM

Tuesday 19th September

PGS v LSGS

Royal St George's
Monday 25th September

PGS v APG XXVII Wryter Cup
Royal Portrush
1-3 October

Annual Dinner

Dukes Hotel
Friday 10th November

The Berkshire Scramble

Tuesday 14th November

ASHRIDGE RESULTS

Division One 1st Neil Bennett wins the Memorial Salver, 38pts, 2nd Khalid Javed, 37, 3rd Jonny Bramley, 35. **Division Two** 1st Paul Sherwood, 36pts, 2nd Chris Cutmore, 35, 3rd Ian McIlgorm, 34.

Greensomes 1st Jono Baker & Rick Evans win the Sir Harry Brittain Trophy, 40pts, 2nd Ian McIlgorm & Ross Slater, 39, 3rd Khalid Javed & Michael Herd, 38.

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SIR EMSLEY CARR MEMORIAL TROPHY

SUAVE Italian Paolo Minoli is through to the final of the Emsley Carr after defeating Colin Hancock in a nail-biting

semi. The pair played at Hadley Wood just days after our meeting there and former secretary Paolo won 2&1.

He'll now face either Keith Malone or Garth Burden, in the 36-hole final to be played at a neutral venue.



Keith Malone 14
Andy Glen 6

Keith Malone

Craig MacKenzie 21
Hayley Barlow 9

Hayley Barlow

Chris Stevens 18
Ross Slater 8

Chris Stevens

Lee Smith 10
Garth Burden 16

Garth Burden

Colin Hancock 19
Ian McIlgorm 13

Colin Hancock

Nic Brook 13
Nick Jones 11

Nic Brook

Peter Dazeley 12
Steve Lewis 12

Steve Lewis

Paolo Minoli 13
Jono Baker 15

Paolo Minoli

Keith Malone

Garth Burden

Colin Hancock

Paolo Minoli

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Wryte down to the wire at the Wyke

THE race for Wryter Cup places enters the final stage when Jonny Bubbles Bramley hosts Captain's Day at his Wyke Green Club on Tuesday, August 29.

Khalid Javed, Steve Lewis and Keith Malone are certainties to qualify through the 'money list' and former secretary Paolo Minoli is also in by virtue of being an Emsley Carr finalist.

They will join Bubbles and secretary Tim Allan in the team to face the French at Royal Portrush from October 1-3.

But there are a host of players (everyone in the table, right, has the chance of making the cut) vying for the remaining places, with a couple of dark horses among those who only have two counting results.

Message from captain Bubbles

“ I'VE been at Wyke Green - as a BBC Society and then full member - for nearly 30 years, and it's always been a joy to play.

Not only is it a really sociable and relaxed club (the current dress code permits jeans and trainers in the clubhouse - 'An outrage!' I hear the traditionalists cry) but it's a tricky layout which always seems to throw up a new challenge each time you play.

The greens are renowned for their quality and although only

a par 69, there are some long, testing par 4s.

A recent winner of the major Open competition held there (the Worman Sword) was Andrew 'Beef' Johnston. No doubt he took advantage of one of the features of the club - the halfway hut which serves a variety of hot food dishes and beverages.

Don't expect tranquility - the course is flanked by the M4 and the Piccadilly Line bisects it - but do expect a friendly welcome and good hospitality!

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'No Khalid, you can't play off 22 ...except against the French!'

WRYTER CUP

Three best finishes from seven qualifying meetings Sept-Aug. Places after 6 qualifiers. Club hcps

Khalid Javed	6	1	1	8
Steve Lewis	3	1	5	9
Keith Malone	2	5	3	10
Jonathan Bramley (Q)	3	11	5	19
Dylan Dronfield	6	2	14	22
Andy Glen	6	10	6	22
Nic Brook	4	8	11	23
Chris Cutmore	18	3	2	23
Paolo Minoli (Q)	14	4	6	24
Peter Solomons	8	13	3	24
Felix Duckworth	8	7	10	25
Adam Hunt	9	4	12	25

Tim Allan (Q)	5	13	8	26
Nick Jones	12	7	9	28
Lee Smith	12	10	7	29
Paul Trow	24	4	2	30
Brian Lee	11	13	7	31
Alex Livie	9	8	14	31
Bryan Nickless	7	23	5	35
Chris Stevens	10	8	18	36
Ian Woods	5	21	11	37
Colin Hancock	30	1	9	40
Rob Hewer	1	20	21	42
Patrick Eagar	29	4	15	48
Simon Taylor	2	11	-	13
Neil Bennett	10	4	-	14

JOHN GORDON PUTTER

Three best finishes from seven qualifying meetings Mar-Sept. Places after 5 qualifiers. PGS hcps

Khalid Javed	5	1	2	8
Steve Lewis	3	1	10	14
Keith Malone	3	5	8	16
Felix Duckworth	7	3	9	19
Andy Glen	6	10	5	21
Alex Livie	9	4	12	25
Paolo Minoli	4	2	-	6

TROW STERN TROPHY

Points totals accumulated in the Stableford meetings from Apr-Sept. Places after 4 qualifiers. PGS hcps

Khalid Javed	37	32	39	37	145
Tim Allan	37	31	30	34	132
Jonathan Bramley	32	25	27	35	119
Keith Malone	40	33	-	35	108
Ian Woods	25	30	25	28	108
Felix Duckworth	35	34	-	34	103
Andy Glen	35	-	36	32	103
Steve Lewis	44	31	-	26	101
Alex Livie	35	34	31	-	100
Lee Smith	-	31	33	35	99

FULL RESULTS AT
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FIFTH MEETING: TUESDAY, 29th AUGUST

WYKE GREEN



Bateson's
Billemium
Bowl

COMPETITIONS

MORNING: Singles from 8am in threeballs. AFTERNOON: Nine-hole, three club plus a putter challenge from 3pm.

HOLDER - Singles: Neil Bennett defends the Billennium Bowl, left, while Jeremy Chapman is the reigning Harold Lewis Weight for age champ.

COST

£70 per golfer, includes bacon roll on arrival, golf and lunch followed by sandwiches. The captain will preside at the halfway hut. Beeeeff!

ENTRIES: By August 22

Send to Tim Allan, on 01494776914.

Or you can email Tim at: secretary@pressgs.co.uk

DRESS CODE

Relaxed. Whatever length, colour and creed of

socks you fancy. Jeans allowed in the clubhouse.

PRIZES

Our thanks to the captain.

His day, his choice, but you can bet they'll be good!

TELEPHONE

Messages can be left at reception on 020 8560 8777.

HOW TO GET THERE

Osterley station is a 20minute walk away, but doubtless there'll be plenty opting for local Piccadilly Line minicabs as the club is only a five minute taxi ride away. Liaise with other PGS rail travellers to club together.

POSTCODE for satnavs

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