



Press Golfing Society

AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

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THE SHIRE

Captain Khalid's Day
Monday 19th August
...support the skipper
at the last qualifier
in the "Race for
Carnoustie"

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(we hope he knows!)

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Remaining 2019 fixtures

ROYAL ST GEORGE'S

Match v London Solicitors GS
Monday, September 9

THE BERKSHIRE (AGM)

Tuesday, September 17

CARNOUSTIE

XXIX Wryter Cup

Match v APG

Sep 30 – Oct 2

72nd ANNUAL DINNER

Venue here

Friday, November 8

THE BERKSHIRE

Scramble & Auction

Tuesday, November 12



Eat like a horse with Khalid

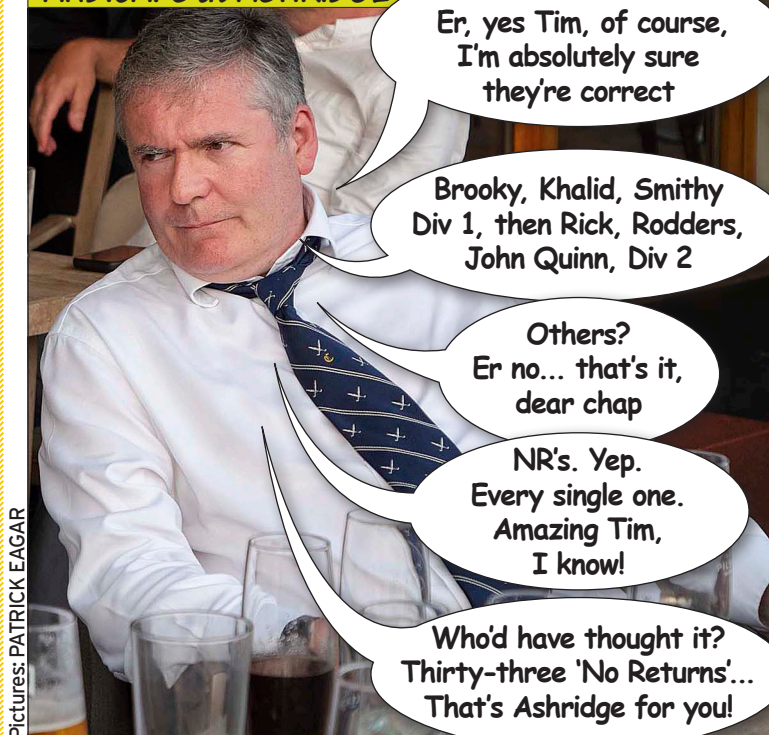
Captain Khalid is taking us
to a new venue for his dinner
on Friday, November 8 – the
Royal Horseguards Hotel in
Whitehall. Keep the date free
in your diary and there'll be
more details to follow.

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'ANDICAPS at ASHRIDGE



Pictures: PATRICK EAGAR

Jonesy and his disappearing cards trick

'ANDICAPS SPECIAL INVESTIGATION

THE PGS season and 2019 Wryter Cup "Race for Carnoustie" were thrown into potential confusion after stand-in secretary Nick Jones managed to lose almost all the morning scorecards from Ashridge.

Hapless Nick was left in charge, alongside treasurer and former secretary Paolo Minoli, after Tim Allan was unfortunately laid low by a severe back injury.

Jones and Minoli did a great job booking-in and otherwise deputising, until the prize presentation, after which events all became a bit hazy.

The cards somehow disappeared between the Ashridge clubhouse, where Jones had spent the afternoon and evening sampling some of the club's finer wines, and the car park.

It was only the following day that Jones realised he was only in possession of half a dozen morning cards. When he admitted the problem to the secretary, he did proudly announce: "But I do have all the afternoon cards!"

After a frantic series of emails, phone calls and texts, Jones and Allan managed to compile a list of everyone's scores.

Of course, without the actual scorecards it was impossible to work

out countbacks, or whether anyone carrying PGS penalties should have had points back on the relevant holes. Under the circumstances, the decision was taken to give people with the same points score equal positions in the Wryter Cup standings, and to give everyone carrying penalties the extra points for those shots.

That allowed us to compile the post-Ashridge Wryter Cup, Gordon putter and Trow-Stern trophy standings.

"I'm afraid he's not so much Nick Jones, as Corporal Jack Jones from Dad's Army just now!" admitted our rather dismayed secy Tim. "I'm convinced it's all part of his not so cunning plan to prove he should never be secretary in the future."

"I'm just glad for Nick's sake that the Wilkinson Sword wasn't to hand!"

'Andicaps though haven't stopped chuckling at Corporal Jones' (Don't panic, Captain Khalid!) ineptitude.

Paolo placed all the cards in a box in the Ashridge clubhouse – somehow, in taking them from there to the car park less than 100 yards away – Jones managed to lose most of them.

How that happened will forever remain a mystery.

IN an attempt to lighten the secy's mood we thought we'd remind fellow members of a few other PGS "not-so-finest" hours that might rival Jonesy's wild cards adventures...

JOE'S YARD PROBE

IN 1999 PGS captain Chester Stern held our annual dinner at New Scotland Yard.

It was a great occasion; only tarnished after Joe Wood reported that he'd left two trophies at the venue. No trace of the trophies could be found, so a full Scotland Yard investigation was launched.

It was only stood down months later, after Joe's wife Nita asked what he intended doing with the two cups he'd put in the bedroom wardrobe for safe-keeping.

STAN'S SOUTHEND SKIP

THE Sun's Stan Kelley won the Mirror Trophy in 2009 and unfortunately travelled by tube the night of the dinner.

He and his trophy parted company somewhere on the Circle Line. Fast forward a few years and the secy received an email asking if the society would like to be reunited with a bit of scrap. Our rather bashed Mirror orb had been found in – of all places – a skip in Southend.

HONOURING CECIL

1960s then treasurer, Peter Grosvenor, once wrote to members whose subs hadn't been received.

He received an unexpected reply from one: "Dear Sir, it is Miss Cecil Leitch, not Mr! ...furthermore as an honorary member for over thirty years I've no intention of ever paying any society subscription." Ouch!

CHESTER AND THE BUGGY

CRIME correspondent Chester Stern noticed a golf buggy with keys in the ignition after one late-night PGS dinner at Ballyliffin GC, in Co Donegal.

Having just missed the taxi back to our hotel, he decided to, shall we say, "borrow" it.

Unfortunately there were no lights on either the cart, or the local country lanes.

Consternation ensued soon afterwards when the buggy was found abandoned in a ditch just 100 yards from the clubhouse ...with no sign of our Mr Stern.

KEVIN'S BALLS-UP

ASHRIDGE is familiar with PGS forgetfulness. Kevin Price had only one job one year

...to bring the balls for the ball-sweep.

He only remembered he's forgotten them after all the ball-sweep money had been collected and tickets issued.



NOT LOST Nic Brook, Tony Smith, captain Khalid and Rob Hower's cards counted

Brooky's hot stuff

Less is more for old-school Nic at Ashridge

THE race for Wryter Cup places is hotting up and under the baking sun at Ashridge it was Nic Brook who showed his game is cooking!

Brooky romped around the Hertfordshire track in an impressive 39 points to leave the field trailing in his wake and picked up the PGS Memorial Salver.

This year's captain Khalid Javed, who is preparing to take his team to Carnoustie at the end of September for our annual showdown with the French, showed the burden of high office is not affecting his game as he came home second in Division 1 with 35 points - just ahead of The Sun's Lee Smith on countback. In Division 2 Rick Evans (35), Roderick Easdale (35) and John Quinn (33) all took some wine home.

Brooky, who masterminded our

hickory match against the British Golf Collectors' Society, revealed that he kept it retro to see his way to glory.

The Daily Mirror man said: "I left

the driver and a few other sticks at home - taking just nine clubs and a pencil bag. It was a bit of a hangover from our PGS hickory day. It seemed to work then and it did again. I hit it well from tee to green.

"Thankfully I only realised how evil some of the pin positions were after I'd already holed a few good putts."

After a sumptuous lunch it was back out in the heat for a round of greensomes for the Sir Harry Brittain Coronation Trophy.

And this time it was old Mannings Heath pals Rob Hower and Tony Smith who won with 41 pts, followed by Sky duo Dylan Dronfield and Ian Woods on 39 and the Mail's Felix Duckworth and Paul Trow on 37.

Now if only someone hadn't lost the damn scorecards!
-Nick Jones



SIR EMSLEY CARR MEMORIAL TROPHY

IN the first of our semi-finals Jonny Bramley prevailed against two-time winner Peter Solomons, 3&2.

He'll meet either James Nursey or Jon Jones in the final, who are set to play their tie later this month.

Finalists gain automatic selection for October's Wryter Cup at Carnoustie.



**James Nursey
or Jon Jones
v
Jonny Bramley**

WRYTER CUP

Carnoustie: Sep 30 - Oct 2

One qualifier to go. Club hcps

Ben Monro-Davies	1	2	2	5
Khalid Javed (Q)	4	3	3	10
Jonathan Baker	2	5	5	12
Andy Glen	8	6	1	15
Colin Hancock	4	5	6	15
Dylan Dronfield	9	3	5	17
Roderick Easdale	6	10	2	18
Jonathan Bramley (Q)	9	10	3	22
Rick Evans	10	7	5	22
Jamie Weir	13	1	8	22
Rob Hower	5	1	19	25
Brian Lee	15	2	11	28
Paolo Minoli	4	7	17	28
Lee Smith	18	8	3	29
Tony Smith	8	11	11	30
Paul Kelso	11	3	18	32
Peter Solomons	17	1	14	32
James Murray	23	2	13	38
Ian Woods	7	15	16	38
Felix Duckworth	5	21	17	43
Evan Samuel	8	20	17	45
Nic Brook	23	28	1	52
Duncan Farmer	26	16	15	57
John Quinn	25	21	11	57
Jeremy Thompson	9	5	-	14
Jon Jones	7	13	-	20

JOHN GORDON PUTTER

Two qualifiers to go. PGS hcps

Khalid Javed	3	4	2	9
Jonathan Bramley	5	9	2	16
Andy Glen	5	10	1	16
Rick Evans	6	7	4	17
Roderick Easdale	2	11	5	18
Colin Hancock	6	9	5	20
Dylan Dronfield	4	13	9	26
Lee Smith	18	8	3	29
Rob Hower	10	2	18	30
Peter Solomons	15	1	16	32

FULL RESULTS: www.pressgs.co.uk

SIXTH MEETING: MONDAY, 19th AUGUST Captain's Day at THE SHIRE

COMPETITIONS

AM Stableford singles, play in threes from 8.30am at the 1st for The Billennium Bowl and, for seniors, the Harold Lewis Weight for Age. Holder (of both): Patrick Eagar.
PM Nine-hole, three clubs & putter betterball pairs challenge after lunch.

COST

£80 per golfer, includes coffee and bacon rolls on arrival, golf and lunch. The captain will dish out bonhomie and drinks at the halfway hut. Pay online acc 40749648 Sort code 204141.



ENTRIES

Send to Tim Allan, on 01494776914. Or you can email Tim at: pgssecretary@gmail.com
The start sheet is open from now until Monday, August 12.

DRESS CODE

"Smart casual". Jacket and tie are not required for lunch. Jacket and tie for the presentation, please.

PRIZES

Hurrah! Captain Khalid is providing the prizes. AM: First three in Division 1, and first three in Div 2. PM: First three pairs.

TELEPHONE

Electric trolleys and buggies can be booked from the club: 02084417649

HOW TO GET THERE

By Train

Hadley Wood looks to be the nearest station. High Barnet the nearest London Underground station.

By Car

The club is a 2 minute drive from junction 23 of the M25 (A1/M25 interchange on the A1081).

POSTCODE for satnavs

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