



# Press Golfing Society

JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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## WALTON HEATH

Tuesday, 21st July  
The return: this time  
for 18 or 36, your  
choice

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Remaining fixtures

**ROYAL BLACKHEATH**  
Hickory Match v Collectors  
Monday, July 27

**ROYAL ASHDOWN FOREST**  
Captain's Day  
Monday, August 17

**ROYAL ST GEORGE'S**  
Match v London Solicitors  
Monday, September 14

**THE BERKSHIRE**  
Tuesday, September 22

**GRANVILLE**  
XXX Wryter Cup  
October 4 - 6

**THE GROVE**  
Tuesday, October 27

**73rd ANNUAL DINNER**  
Venue TBC  
Friday, November 6

**THE BERKSHIRE**  
Scramble & Auction  
Tuesday, November 10

**RICHMOND**  
Match v Stage GS - TBC

### Walton Heath results

Division One: 1st Lee Smith, 38pts,  
wins the Reg Hinder Memorial Trophy;  
2nd Stuart Dixon, 36; 3rd Nic Brook,  
33.

Division Two: 1st Ian McIlgorm, 33pts;  
2nd Neil White, 31, (on countback);  
3rd Nevil Appleton, 31.

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## Lee-sy does it!

Smith takes  
honours as  
PGS is the  
first back at  
Walton Heath



PICTURES: IAN MCGILGORM & PATRICK EAGAR

THE PGS blazed a trail by being the first society back at Walton Heath as the lockdown restrictions eased.

For sure, it wasn't like a normal PGS meeting - we only played 18 holes, the lunch was taken standing up and, sadly, there was no after-match conviviality in the bar, nor any prize-giving.

But we did manage to play golf in a socially distant way over one of the best courses in the UK!

Walton Heath were very keen to get things up and running and we were very happy to be their guinea pigs, with 31 of us turning out to contest the Reg Hinder Memorial Trophy.

The June date at Walton Heath is traditionally our President's Day, to which guests are invited. Of course, that wasn't possible this year but a big thank you to our President, Sir Nick Lloyd and his company, BLJ, for generously funding the prizes - we're very grateful!

As always at the Walton Heath meeting, the rain turned up for an hour or so mid-round, but thankfully on nothing like the biblical scale of recent years.

It certainly wasn't enough to prevent Sun Sport's Lee Smith taking the honours with a sparkling 38 points off 8. That was good enough to top Division One, with Stuart Dixon second on 36, three shots clear of Nic Brook, who shot 33 off 12.

Smithy said: "It was great to be back playing PGS golf and lovely to win my first singles title in 10 years!"

In Division Two, Mail on Sunday snapper Ian McIlgorm topped the field, with 33 points off 13. Neil White was the runner-up, scoring 31 off 13 to finish ahead of third-placed Nev Appleton on countback.

The day ran like clockwork, with players turning up 20 minutes before their tee time and collecting a bacon roll and coffee on their way to the first hole. The club-

**TAKE-AWAY KING:**  
Lee Smith celebrates a fine victory, while above; Hugh Whittow & our president, Sir Nick Lloyd enjoy a beer, Patrick Eagar & Tom Crone socially distance on the 18th, and Jamie Weir & Ian McIlgorm compare lockdown beards

### 'ANDICAPS at Walton Heath I



So we're here again later this month, you say? ...Oooh, Double Bubble!

house was completely closed but, mercifully, the toilets were open!

There was hand sanitiser galore and a huge Perspex screen protecting the receptionist from the outside world.

After the round, we were served burgers and chips in takeaway boxes, along with bottles of beer, which we ate standing around tables on the terrace.

As one threeball came in, another left to ensure we never had more than two groups of six standing around at any one time.

It may not have been a typical PGS meeting but it was great to be back and to see a few familiar faces.

## ...and we enjoyed it so much, we're going there again!

WALTON HEATH have come to the rescue for our July 21 meeting.

It was due to be held at Ashridge but, sadly, they are still not open to societies. Walton Heath very much is, at least for the PGS, so we'll be playing there instead.

We've got a cracking deal - £100 for 18

holes on the New and lunch; £130 for that plus an afternoon round of foursomes on the Old. We'll be playing for the PGS Memorial Salver in the singles and for the Sir Harry Brittain trophy in the afternoon.

To sign up, email our secy, Tim Allan [pgssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:pgssecretary@gmail.com) by July 16.





# Reckon it's time for a golf break?

OUR friends at Golfbreaks have been busy gathering up offers to help to get golfers back on course this year.

With courses and hotels at various stages of reopening, the team has focussed its attention on providing the strongest possible deals for last-minute UK travel.

Or, for those a little more apprehensive about immediate travel, their 2021 packages are now all

available to book on the site.

If any of you have also missed getting to live golf this year, the Golfbreaks team does still have packages available for the 2020 Masters tournament...

For any questions, enquiries or kind comments about his birdie on the first at Walton Heath, please feel free to drop James a line at any time on [jsomerside@golfbreaks.com](mailto:jsomerside@golfbreaks.com)



## SIR EMSLEY CARR

Keith Ging takes on last year's captain, Khalid Javed in the first of this year's Sir Emsley Carr knockout quarter-finals.



Other matches to be played by mid-July, please. Quarters by mid-August.

Glen Bevis v Ross Slater  
Rick Evans v Bryan Nickless  
Lee Smith v Roderick Easdale  
Dean Scoggins v Tim Dickson

Keith Ging v Andy Glen  
Ben Monro-Davies v Khalid Javed  
Duncan Farmer v Rob Hewer  
Paul Kelso v Simon Taylor

## WRYTER CUP

Granville, Normandy: Oct 4 - 6

Places after 3 qualifiers. Club hcps

Ben Monro-Davies	1	2	9	12
Dylan Dronfield	10	4	6	20
Andy Glen	2	1	23	26
Khalid Javed	13	13	8	34
Hugh Whittow	4	17	13	34
Nevil Appleton	7	25	11	43
Ian Woods	3	30	12	45
Tim Allan (Q)	12	26	17	55
Jonathan Bramley	18	31	7	56
Patrick Eagar	14	35	30	79
John Quinn	25	29	27	81

Lee Smith	-	10	1	11
Stuart Dixon	11	-	2	13
Duncan Farmer	9	6	-	15
Rob Hewer	12	-	5	17
Steve Lewis	5	-	19	24
Paul Kelso	17	8	-	25
Paolo Minoli	8	22	-	30
Neil White	-	24	10	34
Nic Brook	-	32	3	35
Peter Solomons	15	-	21	36
Simon Taylor	16	20	-	36
Felix Duckworth	23	-	15	38

## JOHN GORDON PUTTER

Places after 2 qualifiers. PGS hcps

Dylan Dronfield	4	5	9
Lee Smith	8	1	9
Rob Hewer	12	6	18
Ben Monro-Davies	5	14	19
Khalid Javed	13	10	23
Andy Glen	1	27	28
Neil White	24	8	32
Nevil Appleton	25	9	34
Nic Brook	32	4	36
Jonathan Bramley	30	7	37
Hugh Whittow	20	17	37
Tim Allan	26	16	42
Jamie Weir	29	15	44
Ian Woods	31	13	44

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## CAPTAIN'S PICK

Royal Ashdown



## 'ANDICAPS at Walton Heath II



So we're here again later this month, you say?  
...Oooh, I can hardly wait!

## Captain Colin's RAF call-up

THERE are few better places to spend a summer's day than in the idyllic surroundings of Royal Ashdown Forest.

I'm delighted to say that the club is really looking forward to hosting us: we'll be playing singles on the Old Course in the morning and then an 11-hole scramble on the wonderful West Course in the afternoon.

We can't say for sure what and where lunch shall be, but I can promise you a decent spread, good beer and wine and plenty of refreshment during the

morning round. The Old Course is one of my absolute favourite inland layouts, totally without bunkers (this may have swayed me a little) framed by heather, forest and woodland and surrounded by magnificent views.

There's a very nice feature on it here:- [www.golfworldtop100.com/golf-course-reviews/england/royal-ashdown-forest-golf-club](http://www.golfworldtop100.com/golf-course-reviews/england/royal-ashdown-forest-golf-club)

So please do put Monday 17th August in your diary for a treat of a day in leafy Sussex.

-PGS captain, Colin Hancock

## Gran designs on Wryter Cup

THE Wryter Cup is scheduled for Granville, near St Malo, from October 4-6 but we'll make a final decision by early August.

Granville is an historic Colt design, one of the few genuine links courses in France, pretty easy to get to by ferry or Eurotunnel and it'd be great to take a PGS team there to win back the Cup.

However... with hotels, bars,

restaurants, travel arrangements, a clubhouse, golf and general socialising to take account of, things are still very much up in the air.

We're in regular contact with the French and shall make a joint decision within the next month on whether to go ahead or not. As soon as we have, Tim will let everyone know.



COLT-URE Granville's a classic links

## THIRD MEETING: TUESDAY, 21st JULY

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### COMPETITIONS

#### MORNING:

From 8am - Stableford singles, in threes, on the New Course for the PGS Memorial Salver. Holder: Nic Brook.

#### AFTERNOON:

Foursomes on the Old Course. Rob Hewer & Tony Smith defend the Sir Harry Brittain Coronation Trophy.

### ENTRIES

Send to Tim Allan by July 16, on 01494776914, or you can email Tim at: [pgssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:pgssecretary@gmail.com)

### DRESS CODE

Jacket & tie, if we're in the clubhouse for lunch. Catering to be confirmed, but will include bacon roll in the morning and lunch.

### COST

£130 per golfer, for 36 holes coffee & bacon roll on arrival, plus lunch. £100 for 18 holes and lunch. **Please pay in advance online**, acc 40749648, sort code 20 41 41.

### PRIZES

Our thanks to Golfbreaks.com for sponsoring the day. First three in Division 1, and first three in Division 2. First three pairs in the afternoon foursomes.

### TELEPHONE

Messages can be left at the club on 01737 812380.

### CADDIES

No guarantee that caddies are available in these Covid times, but the Caddiemaster is on 01737 812974. Please give at least 24hrs notice.

## WALTON HEATH

### HOW TO GET THERE

**By Car**  
The club is on the B2032 off the A217 shortly after Burgh Heath going south. Coming off the M25, exit at Junction 8.  
**By Train**  
Epsom is the best station. A taxi from there to the club should take approximately 10 minutes.

POSTCODE for satnavs

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