



# Press Golfing Society

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**ASHRIDGE**

Tuesday, 23rd July

...Only two more meetings to decide team places for Carnoustie

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Remaining 2019 fixtures

**THE SHIRE**

Captain's Day

Monday, August 19

**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**

Friday, November 8

**THE BERKSHIRE**

Scramble & Auction

Tuesday, November 12



**JEEVES & WOOSTERS**  
PGS and Collectors at  
Royal Blackheath



## Hick, hick hooray

A RESPLENDENT PGS crew turned up in fancy dress to take on the British Golf Collectors' Society in a hickory match at Nic Brook's beloved Royal Blackheath.

PGS vice-president Nic is a member of both societies and arranged the 12-a-side Sunningdale foursomes match, along with a splendid lunch and tour of the club's museum.

The club is the oldest in England, and those who played in the match certainly rolled back the years. Dressed in a bewildering variety of plus twos, plus fours, bizarre hats, ties and an awful lot of tweed, we all used hickory clubs, hired to us by our opponents. With just six clubs in a set, carried in a small pencil bag, the games were fast but never furious.

Played in superb weather and an even better spirit, the match ended in an honourable draw. We very much hope this will become an annual addition to the PGS calendar. Well played, Brooky!



# Effing good show!

## Glen shows his class to take Mirror Trophy

## 'ANDICAPS

alongside the Effingham home of Sir Barnes Wallis, inventor of the "Bouncing Bomb"



...he's just given me an idea!

Picture: KEVIN PRICE ...taken with his new phone

BBC stalwart Andy Glen was the only player to score better than his handicap as Effingham made a spectacular return to the PGS calendar.

The Surrey gem was in superb condition when 36 of our finest turned up in late June, returning after a break of nearly 40 years.

Indeed, only former secretary Jeremy Chapman, who made a very welcome comeback by playing in the morning with the ever-wonderful Christa in charge of the buggy, could dimly remember the last time the PGS had played it.

The course seemed to be there for the taking, with a short par five to open, some short par fours and playing only a little over 6,000 yards in total. But the newly-reconstructed bunkers were in the perfect places to catch errant shots and the greens were tricky to read and very quick.

Many more of our number had scores in the 20s than the 30s, which made Glen's performance all the



**HANDY ANDY!** Winner Glen congratulated, while right, secy Tim puts Khalid to the Wilkinson sword

The whole Effingham set-up went down well with the PGS, from the lunch served in the oak-panelled dining room to the evening drinks on the terrace. And the welcoming club gave all of us a two-for-one voucher to use this year – a nice touch!

Glen's score was good enough to push Jonny Bramley's 35 points into

second place in Division One, with Brian Lee third on 33. In Division Two, The Sun's Russell Dewey stormed to victory with 34 points, three points clear of Colin Hancock and two more clear of Roderick Easdale.

In the afternoon greensomes, for the more impressive. Before leaving at lunchtime for an unexpected appointment, he said: "I hit it quite well really – and it could have been a lot better than that."

The competition for Wryter Cup places is more intense than ever, with Jonny Bramley and Jamie Weir in joint fifth on 22 points. Will that be enough to guarantee them a place in the Carnoustie team?

In the Emsley Carr knockout, the semi-finals see James Nurse face Jon Jones and an all-BBC clash between Peter Solomons and Jonny Bramley. Both winners earn automatic selection for Carnoustie.

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# SIR EMSLEY CARR MEMORIAL TROPHY

James Nursey v Colin Hancock	James Nursey v Keith Ging	James Nursey v Jon Jones		Ross Slater v Peter Solomons	Tony Smith v Ross Slater
Keith Ging v Rick Evans	Keith Ging	Jon Jones		Peter Solomons	Rob Hewer v Peter Solomons
Jon Jones v Duncan Farmer	Jon Jones	Jon Jones		Ben Monro-Davies	Ben Monro-Davies v Paolo Minoli
Khalid Javed v Roderick Easdale	Roderick Easdale	Jon Jones		Jonny Bramley	Jamie Weir v Jonny Bramley

## Tom's on his bike for 500km

PGS MEMBER Tom Pilcher and his two mates, George Woodrow and Chris Evans, completed their epic 500km cycle ride from Falmouth to London.

They stayed awake for 44 hours, rode for 22 hours and rolled down The Mall at just after midnight on Sunday, July 7.

There was still time for Tom to puncture no sooner had the journey been completed on Whitehall, but by then they'd raised more than £3,700 for Cyclists Against Cancer.

Their justgiving page (<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tomgeorgechris500>) is still open for business. Feel free to make a contribution, and get them to £4k!.

Well done, Tom! Hopefully you can now hang-up your cycle clips and concentrate on playing more golf!



**TOUR DE FORCE** George, Tom and Chris after their gruelling ride



**WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT SO FAR?!** Double act Ian Ashpitel and Jonty Stephens bringing laughter all the while with Brook and Eagar

## PGS not to be upstaged

MATCH captain Patrick Eagar ordered his side to bring him sunshine and they certainly did - beating The Stage golf society 3-1 in our annual match at Richmond.

The Stage team included actors Jonty Stephens and Ian Ashpitel, who famously perform a tribute to the legendary comedy duo Morecambe and Wise, and for once the PGS played all the right shots in roughly the right order to romp to victory.

There were wins for the pairings of Ian Woods and Dylan Dronfield, Pip Clothier and Nick Jones and Steve Killick and Stage loanee Roy



**LUVVIE CUP** Patrick and Philippa

Holder as the PGS retained the trophy, kindly donated by our former PGS and Stage GS skipper Philippa Kennedy. *-Nick Jones*

## WRYTER CUP

Carnoustie: Sep 30 - Oct 2

Places after 5 qualifiers. Club hcps

Ben Monro-Davies	1	2	2	5
Andy Glen	8	6	1	15
Colin Hancock	4	5	6	15
Khalid Javed (Q)	4	3	9	16
Jonathan Baker	2	10	5	17
Jonathan Bramley	9	10	3	22
Jamie Weir	13	1	8	22
Dylan Dronfield	9	3	12	24
Rob Hewer	5	1	19	25
Roderick Easdale	6	12	10	28
Paul Kelso	11	3	18	32
Peter Solomons	17	1	14	32
Brian Lee	17	15	16	33
James Murray	23	2	13	38
Tony Smith	8	11	22	41
Lee Smith	18	19	8	45
Ian Woods	7	15	23	41
Paolo Minoli	4	7	-	11
Jeremy Thompson	9	5	-	14

## JOHN GORDON PUTTER

Places after 4 qualifiers. PGS hcps

Jonathan Bramley	5	9	2	16
Andy Glen	5	10	1	16
Khalid Javed	3	4	10	17
Colin Hancock	6	9	5	20
Roderick Easdale	2	12	11	25
Rob Hewer	10	2	18	30
Peter Solomons	15	1	16	32
Jamie Weir	1	13	21	35
Brian Lee	23	17	4	44
Dylan Dronfield	4	28	13	45
Lee Smith	22	18	8	48
Rick Evans	6	7	-	13
Ben Monro-Davies	9	4	-	13
Jeremy Thompson	8	5	-	13
Paolo Minoli	7	7	-	14
James Murray	1	14	-	15
Jon Jones	3	15	-	18

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## FIFTH MEETING: TUESDAY, 23rd JULY

## ASHRIDGE

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### COMPETITIONS

AM The PGS Memorial Salver. Holder: Tim Allan. Stableford singles, play in threes from 8.30am at the 10th and 13th. White tees.

PM Bob Hayes & Rick Evans defend the Sir Harry Brittain Coronation Trophy. Greensomes from 2pm.

### COST

£99 per golfer, includes coffee & bacon rolls on arrival, golf and lunch.

Pay online acc 40749648  
sort code 204141.

### ENTRIES

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

The start sheet is now open.

### DRESS CODE

"Smart casual". Jacket and tie are not required for lunch but no golf shoes or shorts allowed in the dining room.  
Jacket and tie for the presentation.

### PRIZES

Our thanks to The Telegraph Group for their sponsorship. AM: First three in Division 1, and first three in Div 2. PM: First three pairs.

### TELEPHONE

Messages can be left at the club on 01442 842244.

### HOW TO GET THERE

**By Car**  
Leave M25 at Junction 20, take the A41 towards Aylesbury.  
Leave the A41 at Chesham exit (A416) and follow signs to Berkhamsted.  
At traffic lights on the junction with

Berkhamsted High Street turn left. After a mile reach Northchurch. Turn right by school and church on to B4506 (called New Road) sign posted Ashridge.  
After 3 miles the club is on the right. Follow the private road to the clubhouse and car park.

### By Train

The nearest station is Berkhamsted, five miles and 12 minutes away.

### POSTCODE for satnavs

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