



Press Golfing Society

JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

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A new venue for us...
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Thursday, 27th June
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design on the
North Downs

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Remaining 2019 fixtures

ROYAL BLACKHEATH
Hickory match v British Golf
Collectors' Society
Wednesday, July 3

RICHMOND
Match v The Stage GS
Monday, July 8

ASHRIDGE
Tuesday, July 23

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 9

THE BERKSHIRE
Scramble & Auction
Tuesday, November 12

Walton Heath results

Division One 1st Jim Murray, 39pts,
wins the Reg Hinder Memorial trophy
on countback from, 2nd Rob Hewer,
3rd Khalid Javed, 38.

Division Two 1st Jeff Randall (on
countback), 38pts, 2nd Jeremy
Thompson, 3rd Evan Samuel, 36.

Foursomes 1st Jono Baker & Neil
Bennett, 40pts, 2nd Adam Hunt
& Brian Lee, 39, 3rd Paul Kelso &
guest Jasper Fulford-Dobson, 36.

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PRESIDENTIAL Neil Bennett and Jono Baker
receive their prizes from vice-pres Patrick Eagar

Pictures: PATRICK EAGAR

Murray in a hurry

Jim takes Express route to glory at Walton

JIM MURRAY took full advantage of his early start to claim the Reg Hinder Memorial Trophy at our Walton Heath meeting.

The Express features supremo, playing off 11, was in the first group out on the Old Course and roared round in a brilliant 39 points to seal victory.

Jim, right, who had to leave before the slightly delayed prize-giving, said: "Wow! I knew it was a good score but I was sure someone would come in with something better."

They certainly tried! Defending champion Rob Hewer, playing his singles after lunch, also scored 39 points but a relatively lacklustre finish (at least by his high standards) saw him beaten on countback.

Evergreen captain Khalid Javed, who is rarely out of the prizes, picked up third place with 38 points.

In Division Two, Jeff Randall just pipped Jeremy Thompson, taking first place on countback after both scored 38 points. Evan Samuel was third on 36 points.

In the foursomes, Jono Baker and Neil Bennett scorched round the New Course to score 40 points – and that with Jono carrying four penalty shots off his club handicap.

That was enough to claim the top prize but just one point clear of Adam Hunt and Brian Lee, with Paul Kelso and his guest, Jasper Fulford-Dobson, third on 36.

Both courses were in sparkling condition, ahead of the US Open qualifying competition which was to be played a week after our day. The

fairways had recovered well from last summer's drought, while the greens were true, fast and, for some of us at least, all but impossible to read.

And, for once, the weather was merciful, with just one short, sharp shower in the afternoon – a great blessing after the torrential downpours of our last couple of visits to Walton Heath.

In the guest event, James Bakelman took first place with 38 points and took the opportunity to thank the Walton Heath staff for their help in making our day such a success.

The prizes were presented by one of our vice-presidents, Patrick Eagar, in place of our injured president, Sir Nick Lloyd. Nick did at least manage to join us for lunch and we are very grateful for his continued support of the day.

The only slight disappointment was a relatively low turnout of just 55, perhaps because the day fell in the middle of half-term for many schools.

Walton Heath is undoubtedly one of the jewels in our crown and we'd love to get as big a turnout as possible. With that in mind, we'll be moving the Walton Heath meeting to the end of June next year.

Do let me know if you have any other suggestions for improving turnout by emailing pgssecretary@gmail.com.



SIR EMSLEY CARR MEMORIAL TROPHY

James Nursey
v
Colin Hancock

James Nursey

Keith Ging
v
Rick Evans

v
Keith Ging

Jon Jones
v
Duncan Farmer

Jon Jones

Khalid Javed
v
Roderick Easdale

v
Roderick Easdale

James Nursey



Ross Slater

v

Peter Solomons

Ben Monro-Davies

Jonny Bramley v

Jonny Bramley

Tony Smith
v
Ross Slater

Rob Hewer
v
Peter Solomons

Ben Monro-Davies
v
Paolo Minoli

Jamie Weir
v
Jonny Bramley



WITB? No thanks, we'd prefer not to have to search in Rob's bag

PGS take a thrash in Hewer's ball bag

OUR vice-president Patrick Eagar not only handed out the prizes at Walton Heath, he also partnered new member Michael Thrasher in the foursomes; the two of them getting in to a rather delicate position.

Playing the 11th on the New course, Michael hit a powerful fade with a fairway wood for their second. The ball was last seen heading towards the ball-pocket of Rob Hewer's unzipped golf bag, alongside the 12th tee.

Sure enough, the ball was found in among the Hewer debris. Lift and drop?

The advice to Patrick was to handle with care ...and to make sure that he washed his hands afterwards.

Please play more Effingham quickly

WARNING: there is grumpiness in what follows.

Afternoon twoballs at Walton Heath were taking something around 4hrs 20mins, with everyone who played singles after lunch saying they had waited on just about every shot.

The prize-giving, which should comfortably have taken place at 7pm (the last afternoon tee time was 3.15pm), actually took place at 7.50pm. Lots of people were getting increasingly irritated as they waited.

It's frankly unacceptable for a twoball to take longer than 3 1/2 hours, even on a track as tough as Walton Heath.

And that should be regarded as the absolute longest a round should take, not a badge of honour when you manage to achieve it. I know of many twoballs who can play in well under three hours.

I've no idea who was responsible but can we all have a look at ourselves and play more quickly?

Less faffing around, less looking at putts from all angles, more quick walking from the tees, more ready golf and we'll all have a more enjoyable time. Rant over...for now.

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WRYTER CUP

Carnoustie: Sep 30 - Oct 2

Places after 4 qualifiers. Club hcps

Ben Monro-Davies	1	2	5
Colin Hancock	4	5	18
Jamie Weir	13	1	22
Dylan Dronfield	9	3	24
Andy Glen	8	6	25
Khalid Javed (Q)	22	4	29
Paul Kelso	11	3	32
Jonathan Bramley	15	9	34
Jonathan Baker	2	30	42
Roderick Easdale	6	12	42
Rick Evans	30	10	47

Brian Lee	17	15	16	48
Felix Duckworth	5	29	21	55
Ian Woods	7	33	15	55
Rob Hewer	5	1	-	6
Jeremy Thompson	9	5	-	14
Peter Solomons	17	1	-	18
Tony Smith	8	11	-	19

JOHN GORDON PUTTER

Places after 3 qualifiers. PGS hcps

Khalid Javed	18	3	4	25
Colin Hancock	14	6	9	29
Roderick Easdale	2	12	24	38
Jonathan Bramley	5	9	27	41
Andy Glen	28	5	10	43
Dylan Dronfield	4	28	13	45
Paul Kelso	37	2	21	60
Rob Hewer	10	2	-	12
Rick Evans	6	7	-	13
Ben Monro-Davies	9	4	-	13
Jeremy Thompson	8	5	-	13
Jamie Weir	1	13	-	14
Peter Solomons	15	1	-	16
Jon Jones	3	15	-	18
James Nursey	8	16	-	24
Tony Smith	13	17	-	30
Keith Ging	11	20	-	31
Ross Slater	16	21	-	37

FULL RESULTS: www.pressgs.co.uk



Hickory dickory knock

NIC BROOK has organised a match against his hickory-wielding pals from the British Golf Collectors' Society (www.golfcollectors.co.uk) and has a few places going.

The match is on Wednesday, July 3 - 18 holes, lunch and includes a very special guided tour of the

Royal Blackheath museum, all for the princely sum of £70. We'll all be playing with vintage hickory-shafted clubs, which can be hired from the collectors, and some will be wearing collar and tie all day.

Email Brooky direct if you'd like to play - nic.brook@hotmail.com

FOURTH MEETING: THURSDAY, 27th JUNE

EFFINGHAM

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COMPETITIONS

AM The Mirror Trophy. Holder: Paolo Minoli. Stableford singles, play in threes from 8.28am from 1st & 10th. PM Jonny Bramley & John Quinn defend the Wilkinson Sword. Greensomes from 2pm.

ENTRIES

Send to Tim Allan, on 01494776914.

Or you can email Tim at: pgssecretary@gmail.com

COST

£90 per golfer, includes coffee & bacon rolls on arrival, golf and lunch. Pay online account 40749648 sort code 204141.

DRESS CODE

Tailored shorts allowed, socks must be predominantly white and cover the ankle. Jacket and tie are not required for lunch but encouraged in the evening.

PRIZES

Our thanks to The Mirror for sponsoring the day. 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 01372 452203.

HOW TO GET THERE

By Car
The club is on the A246 between Leatherhead (5 miles) and Guildford (8 miles), and approximately 5 miles (8-10 minutes) from both J9 and J10 of the M25.

By Train

Travel from Waterloo and Guildford to these stations:
Effingham Junction (2 miles), Bookham (2 miles), Horsley (3 miles) and Leatherhead (5 miles).

Taxis can be booked from Leatherhead station. Phone: 01372 376767.

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