



# Press Golfing Society

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## Royal Horseguards Nov 8 dinner-date

**Dear PGS,**  
THIS year we will meet and dine at a location frequented by Prime Ministers and was home to Britain's top spy. Cue the music for James Bond!!!

It's with great pleasure and pride I invite all PGS members and guests to this year's prize-giving dinner.

We have booked an interesting new location in the heart of London, it's quite a classy joint that offers fine dining within our budget range!

It is The Royal Horseguards Hotel located in Westminster on the River Thames, with many convenient transport links.

Address: 2 Whitehall Ct, Westminster, London SW1A 2EJ

This is what it says about the hotel on the web: "The Royal Horseguards Hotel, near



Trafalgar Square, encompasses two iconic buildings: The National Liberal Club, which has played host to historical icons including Churchill, Gladstone and Lloyd-George, and the club's magnificent apartments, previously the home of the first chief of Britain's Secret Intelligence Service.

"This majestic five-star hotel presides over the River Thames. From glittering chandeliers to contemporary design, this

central hotel near the London Eye reflects a proud heritage. Victorian splendor, award-winning dining, and sumptuous river views."

We will be dining in the River View Room.

We'll be served a three-course meal and the £69 price includes half a bottle of wine per person. Dress code is lounge suits for men and something appropriate for women!

Please let secxy Tim know if you have any dietary requirements.

It's been a fantastic, fun-filled year for the PGS family so let's finish it on a high. Support the society and let's get together to share the good times... please sign up and of course guests are most welcome.  
- Khalid



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### 2020 FIXTURES

#### WEST HILL

Medal  
Monday, March 16

#### FULWELL

Monday, April 20

#### REIGATE HEATH

Captains, Ctte & Seniors  
Thursday, April 30

#### ROYAL MID-SURREY

PGS v SEGS  
Tuesday, May 5

#### EFFINGHAM

Thursday, May 21

#### WALTON HEATH

President's & Guest Day  
Tuesday, June 16

#### ASHRIDGE

Tuesday, July 21

#### ROYAL BLACKHEATH

Hickory Match v BGCS  
Monday, July 27

#### ROYAL ASHDOWN FOREST

Captain's Day  
Monday, August 17

#### THE BERKSHIRE

Tuesday, September 22

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Scramble & Auction  
Tuesday, November 10

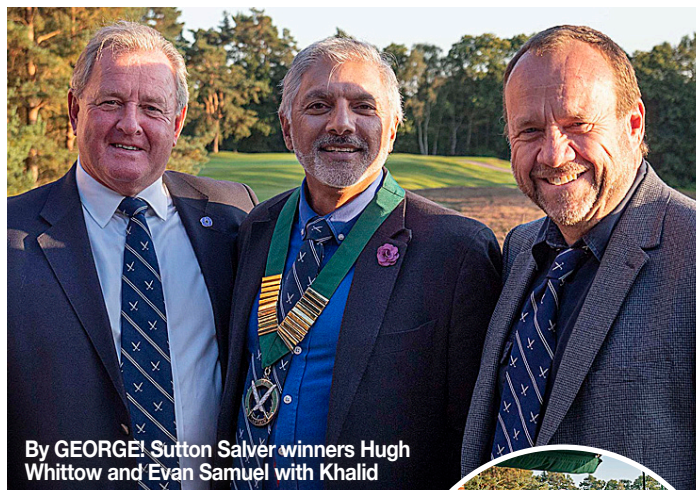
#### Other fixtures TBA

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SUN KING: Andy Glen



By GEORGE! Sutton Salver winners Hugh Whittow and Evan Samuel with Khalid

## Glen scorches to Sun triumph

BBC stalwart Andy Glen left the rest of the PGS feeling Blue as he romped to victory in The Sun Challenge Trophy at The Berkshire.

Glen stormed round the Blue course in a stonking 38 points - and that after starting with a blob on the terrifyingly long par-three first.

On a beautifully sunny early autumn day, he more than made up for that with a blistering next eight holes to go out in 20 points.

The course was in supreme condition, having fully recovered from the 2018 drought. The fairways were just lush enough to encourage good ball-striking,

while the greens were fast and true. Glen said: "I hit most of it out of the middle today and I did very well. It could have been even better if I hadn't missed a short putt or two."

His score was good enough to push Ben Monro-Davies into second place on 37, with former secretary Paolo Minoli third in Division One on 31.

In Division Two, Welsh wizard Hugh Whittow stormed to victory with 36 points, in a round which included two blobs, beating Ian Woods on countback. Craig Mackenzie, back to full fitness after a shoulder op, was third on 33.

The Berkshire is the first qualifier for next year's Wryter Cup, but several of this year's team had days to remember including Glen and Monro-Davies.

Colin Hancock also had good reason to remember the day but perhaps not for the reason he would have liked - you'll have to ask him what his score was!

In the afternoon foursomes, the Sir George Sutton Salver was won by a resurgent Hugh Whittow and his partner, Evan Samuel. Whittow's victory comes a full 29 years since he last won the trophy, his 1990 win coming in the company of Eddie Laxton.





## 'HANDICAPS at CARNOUSTIE

### DAY 1 Foursomes (Buddon course)

PGS 2.5 v 5.5 APG

Bramley & Lee	Brehier & Combette	2&1
Jones & Woods	Houles & Michel	2&1
Weir & Monro-Davies	Meyer & Stevens	1up
6&4 Allan & Easdale	Aragon & Largillier	
½ Baker & Hancock	Louet & Campi	½
3&2 Duckworth & Murray	Scimeca & Baroudh	
Dronfield & Javed	Doucet & Payet	1up
Solomons & Glen	Lassault & Baraise	3&1

### DAY 1 Fourballs (Burnside course)

PGS 4 v 4 APG

Dronfield & Bramley	Houles & Brehier	2&1
Monro-Davies & Lee	Michel & Meyer	1up
Solomons & Baker	Combette & Largillier	4&3
1up Woods & Murray	Aragon & Stevens	
Allan & Hancock	Scimeca & Louet	1up
4&3 Duckworth & Javed	Campi & Payet	
3&2 Glen & Easdale	Doucet & Lassault	
6&5 Weir & Jones	Baraise & Baroudh	



Nope, there's no sign. The rest of the PGS team seem to have sunk without trace...

### DAY 2 Singles (Championship course)

APG 10.5 v 5.5 PGS

5&4 Khalid Javed	Damien Houles	
Jon Jones	Nicolas Doucet	5&3
6&5 Dylan Dronfield	Jean-Jacques Brehier	
5&4 Ben Monro-Davies	Edouard Combette	
Jim Murray	Remi Meyer	4&3
Roderick Easdale	Christophe Lassault	2dn
½ Felix Duckworth	Francois Scimeca	½
Jonny Bramley	Laurent Louet	1up
Peter Solomons	Guillaume Baraise	5&4
Tim Allan	Alex Campi	6&5
4&3 Ian Woods	Gilles Payet	
Jono Baker	Davide Baroudh	4&3
4&2 Colin Hancock	Jean-Louis Aragon	
Andy Glen	Didier Largillier	3&1
Jamie Weir	Guillaume Michel	5&4
Brian Lee	Frederic Stevens	2&1

Overall result PGS 12 APG 20

KHALID Javed's tartan troubadours were no match for their French rivals at Carnoustie in the 29th Wryter Cup.

PGS captain Khalid had made no secret of his passionate desire to win back the Cup we lost in spectacular fashion last year at Chantilly.

But even his inspirational team talks could not produce the victory we all craved at the toughest course in the UK.

Khalid said: "We tried our best but it wasn't meant to be. The French put out a very strong team and they have some great players.

"I'm very proud of the team and it was a privilege to be their captain."

At the end of the first day

foursomes and fourballs, played over the Buddon and Burnside courses, the PGS trailed by three points.

That meant Khalid had no choice but to front-load his singles team for the final day challenge over the brutal Championship

course. But the French, shrugging off the memories of Jean Van de Velde's infamous capitulation at the 18th in the 1999 Open, proved too tough.

They eventually closed out victory to win 20-12.

## It's Car-nasty for the PGS!



## EIGHTH MEETING: TUESDAY, 12th NOVEMBER THE BERKSHIRE

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### COMPETITION

Texas Scramble shotgun start at 9.30am on The Red course. 10% of combined handicaps

Our Auction in aid of the Journalists' Charity takes place after the prizegiving. Bring an item!

### DRESS CODE

Jacket and tie in the clubhouse.

### COST

£95 per golfer, includes golf and the

finest golf club lunch ever!

Pay online acc 40749648  
sort code 204141.

### ENTRIES

Send to Tim Allan, on 01494776914.

Or you can email Tim at:

pgssecretary@gmail.com

### PRIZES

First three teams.

### TELEPHONE

Messages can be left at reception on 01344 621 495.

### HOW TO GET THERE

By Train (The Scramble's Express)

Five minutes in a taxi from Ascot stn.

### By Car

#### APPROACHING FROM M4 (WEST)

Leave at exit 10 on to A329(M) to Bracknell. Take A322 (Bagshot); look for sharp left-hand turn onto A332 (Ascot). The Club is about half a mile on the left.

#### APPROACHING FROM M4 (EAST)

Leave at exit 6 on to A332 (Windsor - Ascot). After leaving Ascot Race Course continue over the roundabout. The Club is about 2 miles on the right.

#### APPROACHING FROM M3

Leave at exit 3 on to A322 (Bagshot - Bracknell); look for the right-hand

lane - A332 (Ascot). The Club is about half a mile on the left.

#### APPROACHING FROM A30

Turn left at Cricketers Arms (Bagshot) onto A322, look for the right-hand lane - A332 (Ascot). The Club is about half a mile on the left.

#### APPROACHING FROM GUILDFORD

Follow A322 (Bagshot - Bracknell); look for the right-hand lane - A332 (Ascot). The Club is about half a mile on the left.

POSTCODE for satnavs

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