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SUNSHINE ON HEATH:
Captain Dylan with
Luffenham winners
Jeremy Thompson and
Felix Duckworth

Duckworth delivers

MAIL man Felix Duckworth delivered when it mattered to take the captain's prize and seal his Wryter Cup spot in style.

The sun shone brightly on captain Dylan Dronfield's big day and Luffenham Heath looked at its glorious best, the course in superb shape just after two big club and regional competitions.

A strong field set out not just for the Billenium Bowl but also to stake claims for a place at Hoylake against the French.

Duckworth was the man in form, having only just missed Dylan Dronfield at Ashridge on countback and being pipped in his Emsley semi-final on the 18th.

This time the countback went in his

Mailman Felix pips Tommo on Dylan's day

FIFTH MEETING: LUFFENHAM HEATH

favour, his superb 38pts just enough to triumph over Jeremy Thompson on the same score. Thompson sealed Division 2, with The Sun's Nick Jones four back, taking second on countback from Royal Ashdown Forest's Steve Killick. Thompson's round also earned him the Harold Lewis weight for age trophy.

Mark Lomas had another strong round to secure third place in Division 1 with 34pts,

Jamie Weir edging him for second on countback.

Three generations of Dronfields helped provide generous hospitality at the half-way tent before drinks in the afternoon sun and a fine late lunch capped a wonderful PGS day.

Luffenham will certainly live long in the memory. Thanks, captain!

CAPTAIN'S DAY RESULTS

Division One (0-14): 1st Felix Duckworth, 38pts, wins the Billenium Bowl; Jamie Weir, 34 (on countback); 3rd Mark Lomas, 34. **Division Two:** 1st Jeremy Thompson, 38pts; 2nd Nick Jones, 34 (on cb); 3rd Steve Killick, 34. **Harold Lewis weight for age trophy:** Jeremy Thompson.

CAPTAIN'S Day is traditionally the final qualifying event for the Wryter Cup and Luffenham Heath certainly handed Dylan Dronfield a very strong team to take on the French at Hoylake.

Mark Lomas's third place on the day, along with his superb win at Swinley, took him to the top of the qualifying table. He's joined in the team by a string of in-form players, many of them off single-figure handicaps. Felix Duckworth moved up to third, just ahead of Duncan Farmer and Khalid Javed who both have three

Lomas tops Wryter Cup table

top tens this season. Walton Heath double-winner Nev Appleton had another top ten finish to secure his spot and The Sun's Dean Scoggins comfortably made the team after an impressively consistent year.

Given three wildcard picks, captain Dylan selected local expertise in the form of Nic Brook, who's done such a great job to secure his beloved Royal Liverpool for the match. He then shrewdly chose single-figure

Sunningdale man Ben Monro-Davies and the experienced and ultra-competitive Jonny 'Bubbles' Bramley, who as captain led the PGS to victory at Royal Portrush.

Completing the team are Andrew Porter and Roderick Easdale, thanks to their sparkling runs in the Sir Emsley Carr knockout this season, and PGS Secretary, Tim Allan.

The match will be played at Hoylake on Sunday 3rd and Monday 4th

October and with such a strong team the PGS has a great chance of reclaiming the trophy. It will also be interesting to see what effect the change to the World Handicap System might have on proceeding.

OUR Wryter Cup team in full: Dylan Dronfield (captain), Mark Lomas, Felix Duckworth, Duncan Farmer, Khalid Javed, Nevil Appleton, Dean Scoggins, Russell Dewey, John Quinn, Ben Monro-Davies, Lee Smith, Jonny Bramley, Andrew Porter, Roderick Easdale, Nic Brook and Tim Allan.

JOHN GORDON PUTTER

THE contest for the John Gordon Golden putter is wide open, with just one more fixture to go.

Russell Dewey and Mark Lomas lead the way with 21pts each from their placings in the five qualifiers so far this year.

But the peleton is made up of fourteen other players, all in with a shout to overtake them at The Berkshire and win the PGS "golfer of the year" accolade.

Good luck fellas!

Places after 5 qualifiers. PGS hcps

Russell Dewey	10	8	3	21
Mark Lomas	1	8	12	21
Jonathan Baker	10	2	14	26
Dean Scoggins	4	11	11	26
John Quinn	9	3	16	28
Steve Lewis	14	16	1	31
Khalid Javed	23	6	5	34
Kevin Price	20	1	13	34
Felix Duckworth	14	22	2	38
Jon Jones	9	19	10	38
Dylan Dronfield	30	5	7	42
Jonathan Bramley	26	3	14	43
Colin Hancock	2	13	28	43
Lee Smith	15	19	10	44
Nev Appleton	28	16	1	45
Duncan Farmer	11	6	-	17
Andrew Porter	16	4	-	20

Jon Jones
v Andrew Porter

Duncan Farmer
v Colin Hancock

Nick Cherrie
v Hugh Whittow

Jim Murray
v Felix Duckworth

Chris Cutmore
v Mark Lomas

Nic Brook
v Lee Smith

Kevin Price
v Peter Dazeley

Adam Hunt
v Roderick Easdale

Andrew Porter 5&4

Duncan Farmer 5&4

Nick Cherrie 1up

Felix Duckworth 2up

Chris Cutmore 2&1

Nic Brook 4&3

Peter Dazeley 4&3

Roderick Easdale 3&2

Andrew Porter 19th

Felix Duckworth 19th

Chris Cutmore 1up

Roderick Easdale 6&5

SIR EMSLEY CARR KNOCKOUT

Andrew Porter 1up



Roderick Easdale 2&1

Andrew Porter faces Roderick Easdale in the 36-hole final of our knockout, ensuring that there'll be a new winner's name on the Sir Emsley Carr Memorial Trophy this year.

Notice of the AGM

OUR annual meeting takes place straight after The Berkshire prize-giving. It's open to all members and if there's anything you think should be on the agenda please contact secretary Tim Allan.

FIXTURES

THE BERKSHIRE

Tuesday, September 21

ROYAL LIVERPOOL

XXX Wryter Cup,
v Association de la Presse
et du Golf
October 2 - 4

THE GROVE

Tuesday, October 26

73RD ANNUAL DINNER

Horseguards Hotel
Friday, November 5

THE BERKSHIRE

Scramble & Auction
Tuesday, November 9

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CUP-TIED: Tom Crone and LSGS' James Furber with the Quaich

Quaich off the mark at Royal St George's

CONGRATULATIONS to match skipper Tom Crone, for thwarting the legal challenge in our defence of the 'Centenary Quaich' against the London solicitors at Royal St George's. The match was tied 2-2 after the

morning foursomes and not looking good as the LSGS notched up two more wins in the afternoon.

Then Nick Buckley and Jonny Bramley came home with the crucial win to halve the match and retain the trophy. Hurrah!



Sign up now for Dylan's dinner

THE annual PGS captain's dinner makes a welcome return this year, so book your places now.

All this year's prize winners are expected to attend, if only because all the trophies will be there and you'll be able to take yours home!

Captain Dylan is taking us back to the River Room of the Horseguards Hotel, 2 Whitehall Ct, London SW1A 2EJ on Friday, November 5 - yes, there will be fireworks of some description.

Tickets, including half a bottle of house wine, are £75 a head and partners are very much encouraged to come along. To book your place, email Tim as soon as possible (pgssecretary@gmail.com).

Those of you lucky enough to have one of our trophies on your mantelpiece needs to get it back to Tim as soon as possible or, better still, bring it with you to the dinner. And, just a gentle reminder, please ensure the trophies have all been engraved appropriately.

SIXTH MEETING: TUESDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER

COMPETITION

MORNING: From 8am. Singles stableford in threeballs on The Blue course. Neil White defends The Sun Challenge Trophy.

AFTERNOON: Greensomes on The Red Course from 1.30pm. Nev Appleton & Paul Kelso were the 2020 winners of The Sir George Sutton Salver.

ENTRIES

Limited to 36 entries. Send to Tim Allan, on 01525 221559. Or you can email Tim at: pgssecretary@gmail.com

COST

£140 per golfer. Pay online acc 40749648, sort code 204141.

DRESS CODE

Smart casual. Change of shoes, please, when in the clubhouse.

PRIZES

First three in Divisions 1&2, first three pairs in the afternoon.

TELEPHONE

Messages can be left at reception on 01344 621495.

HOW TO GET THERE

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);

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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.

By Train

Five minutes in a taxi from Ascot station.

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