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JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

WORKING WONDERS: Prize winners Roderick Easdale, Felix Duckworth, captain Colin Hancock, president Philippa Kennedy and Nick Cherrie

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WALTON HEATH
Tuesday, 14th June
Bring a guest to President's Day

Polished Mirror at Woking ...with a Cherrie on the top

Picture: PAOLO MINOLI

NICK CHERRIE dazzled in the sun and came within a whisker of doing a double on the day at glorious Woking.

With the PGS returning to the famed Tom Dunn-designed course for the first time in living memory, Cherrie delivered the round of the meeting to win the morning singles with 35 points - and suitably, as a Mirror man, pick up the Mirror Trophy.

Then, in the afternoon greensomes, Cherrie was a hair's breadth away from winning again as he and his partner Keith Ging carded an impressive 36 points but were pipped on countback.

The result marks the first time that Wentworth expert Cherrie has stood atop the PGS podium in a singles event.

"The fact that I have only ever won with a partner before says it all, so to win my first singles competition after 20 years in the

PGS feels very special - and it's the Mirror Trophy as well," said Cherrie as he supped a well-deserved beer on Woking's taverna-like terrace after a sweltering day on the Surrey heathland. "Great day all round on an immaculate course."

In a strong singles field of 35 players, Division 1 runner-up was the ever-consistent Dylan Dronfield with 34 points, while in-form Johnny Bramley came third with 31. Both have as good as sealed their Wryter Cup places.

In Division 2, President Philippa Kennedy was rewarded for jetting in from Ireland with a 33-point victory, followed by Pip Clothier with 30 and John Quinn on 29.

After an excellent lunch in Woking's congenial dining room with its handsome Mouseman oak furniture, a small but perfectly formed group of 20 contested the afternoon greensomes for the Wilkinson Sword.

With Cherrie and Ging pushing

them all the way, Felix Duckworth and Roderick Easdale's strong finish was just enough to claim the countback victory. Third place was taken by Mark Lomas and Neil White on 33 points.

Captain Colin Hancock extended a proper introduction to Christian Fraser after the BBC man's winning PGS debut at Effingham in April and welcomed new PGS member Nick Toksvig.

Colin also congratulated Secretary Tim Allan on his return to full PGS playing duties after his surgery earlier in the year, adding: "It's very nice seeing the grown-ups running things again."

Woking's difficult set-up and renowned greens left plenty of PGS members scratching their heads, but there was little to complain about after a brilliant spring day when temperatures hit the high 70s.

In the bar afterwards, there were plenty who said the course is the

best of the three Ws on the Surrey heathland, leaving Worplesdon and West Hill somewhat in the shade. Certainly, the club could not have been more welcoming.

Colin rightly praised Tim Lobb for his redesign of the 16th - now a picture-perfect par-three over water with a masterful multi-tiered green - and also his efforts with course manager Andy Ewence to help Woking regenerate its heather.

Colin confirmed that the PGS will return to the course next year - which will be a relief to John Quinn, who can look forward to playing the 18th properly after he took a diversion on the last by hitting his approach on to the 14th green in front of the clubhouse and missing out on his par.

John, who had to dash off in the afternoon to see Southampton lose to Liverpool, said: "My sense of direction resembled that of the Saints strikers later in the day!"

SIR EMSLEY CARR MEMORIAL TROPHY

Andrew Porter

v
Nic Brook

Pat Mooney

v
Jeremy Thompson

Colin Hancock

v
Rob Hewer

Mike Waker

v
Ross Slater

Andrew Porter, 7&6

v
Andrew Porter, 2up

Jeremy Thompson, w/o

Colin Hancock, 4&3

v
Ross Slater, 3&1

Lee Smith, w/o

v
Lee Smith, 2&1

Ian McIlgorm, 2&1

Nick Cherrie, 2&1

v
Peter Solomons, 4&3

Peter Solomons, 4&3

Lee Smith

v
Nev Appleton

Ian McIlgorm

v
Bruce McKellar

Paul Kelso

v
Nick Cherrie

Hugh Whittow

v
Peter Solomons



Peter Solomons, 2&1

SEGS storm fails to dampen RM-S spirits

HISTORY repeated itself at Royal Mid-Surrey when the PGS faced the Stock Exchange Golf Society and found themselves walking in after hail and lightning closed the course.

Exactly the same thing happened in 2004 but, just as back then, the weather could not dampen the spirits!

Sunshine may have returned later in the day this year, but not before SEGS had claimed another victory in this annual, all holes-counting, encounter.

PGS honours went to Nick Buckley and Roderick Easdale, who triumphed by 6 holes, but the tables were turned when Nick Jones and Chris Stevens lost by the same margin.

Chris Cutmore and Ian Cross managed an honourable half, but PGS losses in the other three matches meant the Stock Exchange were victorious and are drawing closer to parity in the overall match standings.

Non playing captain, Patrick Eagar thanked his trusty dozen and the Stock Exchange's Steve Crockford was gracious in victory.



SPOT THE BALL: Peter Dazeley drains another one, come hail or shine

WRYTER CUP

Places after 4 qualifiers. Club hcps

FULL RESULTS: www.pressgs.co.uk

Jonathan Bramley	1	5	3	9	Keith Ging	3	11	-	14
Nevil Appleton	2	4	5	11	Mark Lomas	3	14	-	17
Dylan Dronfield	5	12	2	19	Dean Scoggins	16	1	-	17
Andrew Porter	6	1	12	19	Nick Cherrie	17	1	-	18
Hugh Whittow	9	8	11	28	Philip Clothier	13	9	-	22
Nick Jones	10	19	7	36	Christain Fraser	1	21	-	22
Tim Allan (Q)	3	17	17	37	Philippa Kennedy	22	4	-	26
Andy Glen	11	23	7	41	Ian McIlgorm	18	13	-	31
Khalid Javed	4	20	21	45	Simon Taylor	15	16	-	31
Mike Waker	14	10	23	47	Paul Kelso	11	22	-	33
Colin Hancock (Q)	29	6	14	49	Jeremy Thompson	5	29	-	34
Jonathan Baker	12	15	26	53	Rob Hewer	9	32	-	41
Chris Stevens	19	8	28	55	Mike Allen	37	6	-	43

Bordeaux Bubbles

WRYTER CUP veteran Jonny Bramley has booked his ticket for Bordeaux with a battling performance at Woking. 'Bubbles' Bramley now heads the qualification table with a remarkable three top five finishes, a feat matched by his car-share companion Nev Appleton.

Last year's captain, Dylan Dronfield, and the 2021 Emsley Carr champion, Andrew Porter, are also certainties to make the team, with the Wilkinson Sword runners-up, Cherrie and Ging, among the leading contenders who've played two qualifying rounds.

Woking results

Division One 1st Nick Cherrie, 35pts, wins The Mirror Trophy, 2nd Dylan Dronfield, 34, 3rd Jonny Bramley, 31.

Division Two 1st Philippa Kennedy 33pts, 2nd Pip Clothier, 30, 3rd John Quinn, 29.

PM 1st Felix Duckworth & Roderick Easdale, 36 pts, win the Wilkinson Sword on countback, 2nd Nick Cherrie & Keith Ging, 36, 3rd Mark Lomas & Neil White, 33.

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FOURTH MEETING: TUESDAY, 14th JUNE

COMPETITIONS

MORNING:

From 8am - Stableford singles on the Old Course for the Reg Hinder Memorial Trophy.
Holder: Nevil Appleton.
From 9am - Foursomes Stableford on the New Course.

AFTERNOON:

Singles and foursomes from 1.30pm.



ENTRIES

Please enter via our website, pressgs.co.uk

using the link on the right-hand side of the home page, including your guest's name and WHS index.

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

COST

£150 per golfer, includes 36 holes coffee & bacon roll

on arrival, and lunch. Pay online acc **Press Golfing Society, 40749648, sort code 204141.**

DRESS CODE

See www.waltonheath.com for visitor information. Jacket & tie please (or equivalent) for the prize-giving.

PRIZES

First three in Division 1, and first three in Div 2. First three pairs in the foursomes and the first six guests.

TELEPHONE

Messages can be left at the club on 01737 812380.

WALTON HEATH

CADDIES

The Caddiemaster is on 01737 812974. Please give at least 24hrs notice.

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

KT20 7TP

SOCIETY DAYS

TUESDAY, JULY 19

ASHRIDGE

ashridgegolfclub.ltd.uk

PGS Memorial Salver

-holder Steve Lewis (Singles Stableford)

Sir Harry Brittain Trophy

-holders Andy Glen & Neil White

(Greensomes Stableford)

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

Captain's Day

ROYAL ASHDOWN FOREST

royalashdown.co.uk

Captain's Day

Billennium Bowl

-holder Felix Duckworth

(Singles Stableford)

Harold Lewis Weight for Age Trophy

-holder Jeremy Thompson

and Captain's Day prizes

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

THE BERKSHIRE

theberkshire.co.uk

The Sun Challenge Trophy

-holder Jonny Bramley

(Singles Stableford)

Sir George Sutton Salver

-holders Khalid Javed & Jon Jones

(Greensomes Stableford) PLUS AGM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

SWINLEY FOREST

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Peggy White Vase

-holder John Quinn

(Singles Stableford)

and Foursomes Stableford

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

74th ANNUAL PGS DINNER

Horseguards Hotel

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

THE BERKSHIRE

theberkshire.co.uk

Christmas Scramble and auction

The finest lunch awaits at Walton ... just steer clear of the heather

PGS President Philippa Kennedy can't wait to welcome members to world-renowned Walton Heath in just under two weeks' time.

"President's Day at Walton Heath has always been one of the highlights of the PGS year, not least because of a cracking lunch," said Philippa. "When I first played there, somebody told me the secret was to 'stay out of the heather.' He didn't say how I was supposed to do that so be warned if you haven't played there before. Fingers crossed that we get a glorious day."

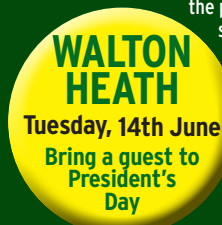
Walton Heath is a club steeped in golfing, political and journalistic history. Its first professional was five-time Open champion James Braid, it's counted four Prime Ministers amongst its members

(Balfour, Lloyd George, Bonar Law and Churchill), and PGS captain and president Lord Riddell, Managing Editor of the News Of The World, not only brought the paper's matchplay to Walton Heath for several decades, but also ran the club until his death.

More recently the club has hosted US Open Qualifying, most famously in 2005 when New Zealand's Michael Campbell birdied the last to clinch the final spot, then went on the win his first and only Major championship.

Our Walton Heath fixture has also traditionally been a day to which members may bring guests - and there's still time to enter.

Just go to pressgs.co.uk and click on the link on the right of the homepage.



ROUGH LOVE: Walton Heath looks beautiful on and off the fairway

MATCHES

WEDS 16 & THURS 17 MARCH

v Northcliffe GS

Saunton

sauntongolf.co.uk

PGS match captain Jamie Weir

TUESDAY, MAY 24

v Stock Exchange GS

Royal Mid Surrey

rmsgc.co.uk

PGS match captain Patrick Eagar

MONDAY, JULY 4

v The Stage GS

Richmond

therichmondgolfclub.com

PGS match captain Nick Cherrie

MONDAY, JULY 25

Hickory match v British Golf Collectors

Royal Blackheath

royalblackheath.com

PGS match captain Nic Brook

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

v London Solicitors GS

Royal St George's

royalstgeorges.com

PGS match captain Tom Crone

OCTOBER 2-4

Golf du Medoc, Bordeaux

XXXI Wryter Cup

golfdumedocresort.com/en/

PGS captain Colin Hancock