



MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

# Press Golfing Society

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## REMAINING 2023 FIXTURES & MATCHES

### TUESDAY, MAY 16 WOKING

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The Mirror Trophy  
and The Wilkinson Sword

### TUESDAY, MAY 23 v Stock Exchange GS ROYAL MID SURREY

Match captain Patrick Eagar

### TUESDAY, JUNE 13 WALTON HEATH

President's Day  
& Guest Day

### MONDAY, JULY 3 v The Stage GS RICHMOND

PGS match captain  
Nick Cherrie

### TUESDAY, JULY 18 ASHRIDGE

### MONDAY, JULY 31 Hickory match v British Golf Collectors ROYAL BLACKHEATH

Match captain Nic Brook

### MONDAY, AUGUST 14 ROYAL WINCHESTER

Captain's Day

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 v London Solicitors GS ROYAL ST GEORGE'S

Match captain Tom Crone

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 THE BERKSHIRE

### OCTOBER 1-3 Gullane XXXII Wryter Cup

PGS captain John Quinn

### OCTOBER 23-27 Chervò Golf San Vigilio, Italy, Nations Cup

Match captain Jonny Bramley

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 WEST HILL

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 THE BERKSHIRE

Christmas Scramble  
and charity auction

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Next up..  
**Tuesday  
16th May  
WOKING**

**PAST & PRESENTED:** PGS  
captain John Quinn with Royal  
Blackheath supremos Paolo  
Minoli and Hugh Whittow



**THE GREAT:** past captains Tom  
Clarke & Joe Wood in fine fettle



**...AND THE GOOD:** Captains, super  
seniors and committee at Blackheath

## PGS pals reunited

PGS Treasurer Paolo Minoli claimed the Past Captains' prize at Royal Blackheath last week.

The event, open to past captains, committee members and super seniors (those over 65), is in truth as much about the reunion and long-remembered anecdotes as it is the competition, but the contest for the Dazeley trophy proved a hard fought affair. In the end, debutante winner Minoli (captain, 2010) finished on 35 points, just one ahead of PGS Secretary Tim Allan (2015), who already has his name on the trophy three times.

Former Daily Express Editor, Hugh Whittow, took the prize for the rest of the field, the Calamity Jane Putter, for the second year running.

The select band of players was blessed by the weather gods, with heavy clouds and thunder skirting the historic course but never delivering as much as a drop.

They were joined for lunch by Joe Wood (1989) and Tom Clarke (1985), Joe accompanied by his wife, Nita, and daughter, Caroline.

Pictures: PAOLO MINOLI

# Porter's Park

## NoW champ Andrew in a stroll down memory lane

DOUBLE Emsley champion Andrew Porter has claimed yet another trophy with victory and a triumph for nominative determinism at Porters Park.

In fact Porter (*right*) also knew the course well, having played there as a boy, and his 36 points proved two too many for the rest of the field. The Brunswick man now adds the News of The World trophy to his cabinet.

"Porters Park was one of the first proper golf courses I ever stepped on", said former Telegraph political editor, "pulling my dad's trolley as he played for the local coppers versus the club about forty years ago. I also played there a bit as a junior and it undoubtedly helps knowing that layout."

Mike Allen claimed second, and the Division 2 prize, with 34 points, while Porters Park member Chris Smith took second in the



division with 33. PGS captain John Quinn was third just a point further back.

Bearwood Lakes and Beeb man Andy Glen came second to Porter in Division 1 with 33 points, edging out Laurence Lee on countback.

The day began with sparkling, crisp sunshine and blue skies and for most of the day, PGS members

basked in early summer heat.

This was the first PGS meeting at the Hertfordshire course since the 1994 captain's day, hosted by Liz Kahn, and Liz returned to join the PGS players for lunch.

The afternoon luncheon round started in glorious sunshine but finished in torrential rain. Jonny Bramley and Benn Todd mastered the conditions to take the Sir Leicester Harmsworth trophy with 38 points, one ahead of the Sky/ITN pairing of Dylan Dronfield and Ian Woods. Felix Duckworth and Roderick Easdale claimed third.

"The greens were magnificent and it was nice to post a decent score", Andrew Porter reflected in the bar. "However, the highlight for me was chatting to the amazing Liz Kahn over lunch. It was wonderful to swap stories of that area where we both live. We both hoped it won't be another 20 years before the PGS returns."



**WINE-BOX CLEVER:** Capt Quinn with the other Porters  
Park winners; Jonny Bramley, Ben Todd and Mike Allen



# THE SIR EMSLEY CARR KNOCKOUT

**Chris Cutmore v Nick Cherrie**

**Nick Jones beat Mark Lomas 3&2**

**James Nursey v Paul Kelso**

**James Saville v Ollie McCormack**

**Ian Woods beat Evan Samuel 2up**

**Steve Lewis v Jonny Bramley**

**Neale Adams v Andy Porter**

**Khalid Javed v Nev Appleton**

WORPLESDON medal winner Nick Jones has followed up his victory with an impressive triumph over Mark Lomas in the first round of the Sir Emsley Carr knockout. Another former PGS captain, Ian Woods, is also through, after defeating Evan Samuel 2-up at Fulwell. All first round ties are due to be played by the end of this week.



## Tim in desperate need of friends...

PGS secretary Tim Allan wants to be friends with you on the England Golf app..

Anyone who's a member of a golf club has access to the **England Golf 'igolf'** app and website.

If you 'friend' Tim on that, it makes his life much simpler when it comes to working out handicaps for our meetings.

So, if you're a golf club member, please ask Tim to be your friend.

Many of you have already done so, but apparently at least ten have so far ignored his request - names will be named in the next newsletter!

## Wryter Cup XXXII

JONNY BRAMLEY, taking time out from his hectic schedule of global golf tourism and skiing, heads qualification for this year's Wryter Cup after the latest society day at Porters Park.

PGS captain John Quinn, although automatically qualified for the match at Gullane, sits in second place in the table, with Evan Samuel, Andy Glen and Ian Woods also nailed on for the team to play the French. Reigning Emsley Carr champion Andrew Porter and the holder of the Golden Putter, Mark Lomas, are also well-set for qualification, despite having played just two events so far.

### Places after 4 qualifiers. Club hcps

Jonathan Bramley	1	6	7	14
John Quinn (Q)	9	5	3	17
Evan Samuel	4	6	8	18
Andy Glen	2	16	2	20
Ian Woods	7	5	9	21
Khalid Javed	4	3	16	23
Neville Appleton	3	10	12	25
Oliver McCormack	7	17	8	32
Dylan Dronfield	11	9	19	39
Tim Allan (Q)	2	25	14	41
Neil White	19	15	13	47
Jonathan Baker	5	26	22	53
Colin Hancock	22	12	21	55
Nick Toksvig	14	29	21	64
Hugh Whittow	6	28	31	65

**FULL RESULTS: [www.pressgs.co.uk](http://www.pressgs.co.uk)**



## Woking has that wow factor

NEXT up for the PGS is the second of our three famed Ws this season - Woking.

2022 saw the PGS play a society day there for the first time in living memory and the course and club met with universal praise.

Founded in 1893, Woking is the oldest of the Surrey heathland courses. Its green complexes in particular have inspired generations of architects. Tom Doak (Bandon Dunes, The Renaissance,

Barnbougle Dunes among many others) once said:

"For anyone who really wants to be a golf architect, I heartily recommend Woking as one of the most rewarding courses in the world you can see".

Above all, Woking is just a wonderful place to play and relax after a round.

To book your spot at one of the jewels of the PGS calendar, just sign up via the link on the right-hand side of the website homepage.

## THIRD MEETING: TUESDAY, 16th MAY

## WOKING

### COMPETITIONS

AM: Stableford Singles from 09.12 in threeballs for the Mirror Trophy (holder Nick Cherrie).  
PM: Greensomes Stableford from 14.24 for the Wilkinson Sword (holders - Felix Duckworth & Roderick Easdale).

### ENTRIES

Please enter through the website, [pressgs.co.uk](http://pressgs.co.uk) using the link on the right-hand side of the home page.

Deadline for entries is noon Friday 12th May. Any problems, email [pgssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:pgssecretary@gmail.com)

### COST

£155 per player, plus £5 for the ball-sweep.  
Pay online acc 40749648  
sort code 204141.

### PRIZES

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

### DRESS CODE

Jacket in the clubhouse after 10.30.

### CATERING

Tea, coffee and bacon rolls from 08.30.  
Two-course carvery lunch.

### HOW TO GET THERE

#### By road: From the M3

Driving south on the M3, leave at junction 3 on the A322 towards Guildford.  
Keep on this road for approximately 4 miles. Go past West Hill Golf Course on the left and then take the next left, Heath House Road. Proceed along this road, past Worpleston Golf Club.  
At the crossroads at the end, go straight across into Saunders Lane, then take an immediate left into Hook Heath Road.  
Proceed for 1 mile along Hook Heath Road.  
At the first crossroads, take the diagonal left hand turning into Hollybank Road.  
Go almost to the end of Hollybank Road, and then turn left into Golf Club Road.  
(Beware of the speed bumps). Go to the very end and then turn into Pond Road and Woking Golf Club is at the very end. Go up to the gates and they will open automatically.

### From the A3

Driving south on the A3, leave at the Burpham/Jacob's Well exit.

Follow the signs towards Woking.

Join the A320 and go towards Woking. At the Mayford roundabout continue on the road towards Woking and then at the next roundabout turn left following the signs to St Johns.  
Go up Wych Hill Lane to the next roundabout, go straight over into Wych Hill, go past the Co-op and the Renault garage.

Proceed straight on along Hook Heath Avenue and take the turning left immediately before the single lane railway bridge into Hollybank Road and then turn immediately right into Golf Club Road.

**By train:** There are direct services on South West Trains from London Waterloo. Trains stop at either Woking or Brookwood, where taxis are available.

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