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# Press Golfing Society

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**BRUSH-OFF:**  
Match skipper  
Jonny Bramley  
and the Stage  
GS secret  
weapon, Basil

## Tally No! We're outfoxed by the Stage

BASIL BRUSH and his fellow luvvies of the Stage Golf Society outfoxed the newshounds of the PGS in our annual match at Richmond.

The opening PGS pairing of match captain Jonny Bramley and Jamie Weir scored an exceptional half after coming back from three down after 14 against Brush, aka SGS

captain Mike Winsor, and Colin Clague and then PGS vice-president Patrick Eagar and Colin Hancock added a 3&2 win to give the Society a clear lead.

The hunt seemed almost in the bag as the Aussie PGS pairing of Evan Samuel and Rob Wainwright held a two hole lead with just four

to play. However, perhaps through a debilitating attack of post-Bairstow guilt, the duo lost the scent of victory and were beaten on the 18th.

With the experienced pair of Hugh Whittow and Chester Stern also succumbing to the Stage's finest, Brush and his colleagues escaped to claim the trophy.

Next up..  
**Tuesday**  
**18th July**  
**ASHRIDGE**  
ashridgegolfclub.ltd.uk

## Mail's Neil nails it

### Darbyshire's heathland win on President's Day

MAILMAN Neil Darbyshire posted a sensational 37 points to claim the Reg Hinder Memorial Trophy at Walton Heath.

On a baking hot day at the Surrey heathland gem, Darbyshire (right) skilfully avoided the heather and negotiated the slick greens to claim his first singles victory since 2010.

Darbyshire, playing off 21, was a comfortable winner of Division Two. "I'm delighted but absolutely gobsmacked", he reflected. "It's the first time I've won an individual trophy in well over a decade, and to have done it at Walton Heath, my favourite of all the courses we play, was especially thrilling.

"I did my best to blow it by five-putting the ninth and taking three out of the green-side bunker on 10 but I'm just very glad to have muddled through."

Phil Johnston took second in Division Two with 35 points and Colin Hancock was third with 33.

It was a good day for the Kensington stable as fellow Mail staffer Steve Lewis posted 35 points to claim Division One honours.

Lewis, playing off 10, said "I've been playing well all year without

getting that killer score. I always seem to do well at Walton Heath. I've got good memories there, it just seems to fit my eye for some reason. I also had a match at my club that afternoon and we won that too, so all in all, it was a great day."

His haul was three ahead of Oliver McCormack and five more than Bruce McKellar, who took the division's third spot on countback.

The large field of 56 was split over the morning and afternoon to compete for the singles on the Old Course. For some this meant a

more conservative lunchtime refreshment intake.

In the foursomes Jim Murray and Hugo Tudor grabbed 34 points to claim victory. Colin Hancock picked up his second prize of the day with happy

Hammer Tony Smith as they nudged out Tom Crone and Russell Field on countback for second.

Top prize for guests went to Nev Appleton's friend Nick Moody who racked up an impressive 37 points.

Our thanks go to President Peter Dazeley, on his inaugural day as host, who supplied the elegant, engraved glassware for those who made it to the podium. *-Tony Smith*



Picture: PAOLO MINOLI



**ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN:** Phil Johnston, Peter Dazeley and Jim Murray

## Remaining 2023 fixtures & matches

**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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# THE SIR EMSLEY CARR KNOCKOUT

GRAPHICS guru Nev Appleton has ended Andrew Porter's bid for an unprecedented Emsley Carr hat-trick. Appleton claimed a spot in the semis with a two-up win at Porter's Brookmans Park and will now take on his car-share companion Jonny Bramley at Tandridge.

In the other half of the draw, Worplesdon winner Nick Jones eased past Woking victor Nick Cherrie and will now play the late reserve Daryl Selby for a spot in the final. Selby claimed his place with a much narrower win over Paul Kelso, who took him to the final hole of their semi-final.

Both Emsley Carr finalists will qualify automatically for this year's Wryter Cup team.



Chris Cutmore  
Nick Cherrie  
Mark Lomas  
Nick Jones  
James Nursey  
Paul Kelso  
James Saville\*  
Ollie McCormack\*  
Ian Woods  
Evan Samuel  
Steve Lewis  
Jonny Bramley  
Neale Adams  
Andy Porter  
Khalid Javed  
Nev Appleton

Nick Cherrie 2&1  
Nick Jones 3&2  
Paul Kelso w/o  
Daryl Selby (reserve)  
Ian Woods 2up  
Jonny Bramley 2&1  
Andy Porter 3&2  
Nev Appleton w/o

Semi finals to be played by Aug 14

Nick Jones 5&4

Daryl Selby 1up

Jonny Bramley 3&2

Nev Appleton 2up

\*disqualified

## PLACES AFTER 6 QUALIFIERS. CLUB HCPS

Andy Glen	2	2	8	12
Jonathan Bramley	1	6	7	14
Nevil Appleton	3	10	2	15
Mark Lomas	1	11	3	15
Khalid Javed	4	3	9	16
John Quinn (Q)	9	5	3	17
Evan Samuel	4	6	8	18
Ian Woods	7	5	7	19
Oliver McCormack	7	8	5	20
Andrew Porter	2	1	18	21
Tim Allan (Q)	2	12	9	23
Steve Lewis	7	15	2	24
Colin Hancock	12	15	4	31
Nick Cherrie	20	13	1	34
Dylan Dronfield	11	9	19	39
Christian Fraser	12	4	-	16
James Saville	13	4	-	17

## Wryter Cup XXXII

WITH just two qualifying events to come, the Beeb's Andy Glen has secured his spot in this year's Wryter Cup team.

His eighth-place finish at Walton Heath has taken him to the top of the qualifying table, heading a further quartet of experienced Wryter Cup performers, in Jonny Bramley, Nev Appleton, Mark Lomas and Khalid Javed.

Ian Woods and Ollie McCormack boosted their hopes of making the team with strong performances at Walton Heath, while Steve Lewis and Colin Hancock have given themselves the chance of a trip to Gullane with their top-four finishes on the Surrey heathland.

PGS and Wryter Cup captain John Quinn will be looking for one more decent finish from matchplay expert Andrew Porter which would secure his spot in the team.

Captain Quinn and secretary Tim Allan qualify automatically, but both also sit high up in the table.

## JOHN GORDON GOLDEN PUTTER

THE Mail's Steve Lewis has hit the front in the race for the John Gordon Golden Putter.

Lewis's fine performance at Walton Heath has taken him just past Jonny Bramley, who's still in the running for a double of the two premier PGS competitions - the Golden Putter and the Sir Emsley Carr knockout.

The Golden Putter goes to the

player with the three best finishes from the season's singles competitions.

Travelling dangerously in third is the double Emsley Carr champion Andrew Porter, who with a first and second place under his belt could move almost beyond reach with one more top-three finish from the four singles events still to come.

## After 4 qualifiers. PGS hcps

Steve Lewis	5	12	2	19
Jonathan Bramley	6	7	9	22
Andrew Porter	2	1	19	22
Khalid Javed	3	16	8	27
Nevil Appleton	12	2	15	29
Ian Woods	10	12	10	32
Nick Cherrie	13	1	-	14
Laurence Lee	4	16	-	20

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

## STUNNING: Ashridge



## The Ashridge balcony beckons

THE PGS returns to glorious Ashridge this month. It's the home club of PGS secretary Tim Allan and Nick Jones and they're rightly proud of this wonderful slice of ancient Hertfordshire parkland.

The course opened in 1932 and has recently hosted regional Open Championship qualifying, the Women's Senior Amateur and the English Men's Open Seniors.

There's a beautifully natural feel to the layout, the holes weaving their way through the trees and valleys, and there are few finer places to relax after a round than the Ashridge balcony, especially when the deer gather in the late evening sun.

To secure your start on July 18th, just sign up via the link on the right of the PGS homepage.

## Blarney army

IT was well worth the wait, according to PGS vice-captain Tony Smith. Back in 2020, Smith bought a fourball at Old Head, near Kinsale in our Berkshire charity auction.

Eventually, after more false starts than a West Ham top-four challenge, he made the trip last month, accompanied by a motley crew (surely 'elite band' - ed) of PGS mates.

Blessed by blue skies and a gentle breeze, all agreed it was nothing short of an idyllic experience on a truly great course. Patience is clearly a virtue well learned by those of the claret and blue.



OLDER HEADS: Tony Smith, Tim Allan, Pip Clothier and Colin Hancock at Kinsale

## FIFTH MEETING: TUESDAY, 18th JULY

### COMPETITIONS

AM The PGS Memorial Salver. Holder: Jono Baker. Stableford singles, play in threes from 8.30am at the 10th and 13th.

PM Graham Marsden & Jon Jones defend the Sir Harry Brittain Coronation Trophy. Greensomes Stableford from 2pm.

### COST

£135 per golfer (£140 incl ball sweep), includes coffee & bacon rolls on arrival, golf and lunch. **Pay online**  
Press Golfing Society account  
40749648 sort code 204141.

### ENTRIES

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### DRESS CODE

"Smart casual." Jacket and tie are not required for lunch but no golf shoes or shorts are allowed in the dining room. If you wear shorts you can wear full-length socks of any colour, but short socks, either above or below the ankle, must be white. Jacket & tie for the presentation.

### PRIZES

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 01442 842244.

### HOW TO GET THERE

#### By Car

Leave M25 at Junction 20, take the A41 towards Aylesbury. Leave the A41 at Chesham exit (A416) and follow signs to Berkhamsted. At traffic lights on the junction with Berkhamsted High Street turn left.

## ASHRIDGE

After a mile reach Northchurch. Turn right by school and church on to B4506 (called New Road) signposted Ashridge.

After 3 miles the club is on the right. Follow the private road to the clubhouse and car park.

### By Train

The nearest station is Berkhamsted, five miles and 12 minutes away.

POSTCODE for satnavs

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