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Pictures: IAN McILGORM & JONNY BRAMLEY

GREAT TRIUMVIRATE: Nev Appleton, Jonny Bramley and Tony Smith dazzle at Royal Blackheath



PG(S) Wodehouse reenactment at Blackheath

WE returned to Royal Blackheath earlier this month; this time stepping back in time for our annual triangular hickory knock against the club and the British Golf Collectors' Society.

The BGCS used their familiarity with ancient bats to good effect, running out easy winners, but our PG(S) "Wodehouse Wrecking Crew" played admirably to pip Royal Blackheath in this enjoyable, if eccentric, encounter.

The format of threeball sixsomes made

for a nicely confusing and sociable match, in which wins were recorded by four of our five pairings.

Thanks go to Tony Hunt, for supplying the genuine vintage sticks, and to Royal Blackheath - especially their captain, Tim Pearson, who generously provided some wonderful wines to accompany a delicious four-course lunch, thereby ensuring that few left before "chipping out of the window" and other RBGC traditions had been splendidly observed. - NB



JIGGER'D: John Quinn and Nic Brook on the course. Jonny Bramley at the window

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Double top for Jones

Another great triumph for Nick, this time at Ashridge

NICK JONES produced one of the most sensational rounds in PGS history as he romped to victory at his beloved Ashridge with a staggering 43 points. *(Well, Mr Secretary, that's what you get if you insist the winner does his own write up.)*

The Sun staffer added the PGS Memorial Salver to the Lord Riddell Trophy he won at Worplesdon earlier in the year - his first singles victory in 20 years of PGS membership.

And, almost unbelievably, 16-handicapper Jones had booked his place in the Emsley Carr final with a victory over Daryl Selby just 24 hours before his Ashridge triumph.

In temperatures slightly lower than on last year's hottest day in history, a rather bemused Jones topped Division 2 in front of Jeff Randall with 38 points and Graham Marsden on 37.

Ian McIlgorm took the honours in Division One with 34 points, just ahead of PGS Secretary and Ashridge member Tim Allan on 33, with Daryl Selby in third with 32.

Jones, who retired to the infamous Ashridge balcony to celebrate his victory long into the evening, reflected: "I'm a little bewildered by

what is happening! I started by carving my first tee shot into the rough and ended by missing a three-foot putt. But the bit in the middle could not have gone better. Four months ago I'd resigned myself to never winning a PGS trophy: now I need to get a job lot of Brasso!

"I have to pay special thanks to my playing partners Paolo Minoli and Ross Slater who kept me calm and my mind on the job when I would normally be looking forward



to lunchtime. I'm told that when the pro was typing my scores into the handicap system it was flagged up as 'abnormal for this player'. I should say so!"

The afternoon green-somes saw ex-BBC pair Colin Hancock and Jono Baker chalk up an excellent 42 points to lift the Sir Harry Brittain Coronation Cup. Dylan Dronfield and Jones' Emsley Carr final opponent Nev Appleton came second on 35, with Ross Slater and PGS treasurer Paolo Minoli third on 34.

- Nick Jones

**BALCONY
BANTER:**
Captain Quinn
congratulates
two-time
winner Nick
Jones at
Ashridge



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Remaining 2023 fixtures & matches

MONDAY, AUGUST 14
ROYAL WINCHESTER
Captain's Day

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
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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

NEV APPLETON will play serial singles winner Nick Jones in the final of the Sir Emsley Carr Trophy. Both triumphed at the 20th hole of their respective semis, Jones finally overcoming Daryl Selby at Warley Park in Essex and Appleton edging out Jonny Bramley at Ashford Manor.

Bramley had been three down at the turn but staged a remarkable fightback to take a one-hole lead on the 14th, an advantage he held until the 18th.

Jones, already a winner at Worplesdon and Ashridge this season, reflected: "It was a cracking semi-final against Daryl with never more than a single hole between us. I can't wait to meet Nev in the final and can't remember the last time I played 36 holes in a day. My swing coach Dr Ibuprofen will definitely be needed."

Both finalists qualify automatically for the Wryter Cup team to face the French at Gullane.



Chris Cutmore	Nick Cherrie
Nick Cherrie	2&1
Mark Lomas	Nick Jones
Nick Jones	3&2
James Nursey	Paul Kelso
Paul Kelso	w/o
James Saville*	Daryl Selby
Ollie McCormack*	(reserve)
Ian Woods	Ian Woods
Evan Samuel	2up
Steve Lewis	Jonny Bramley
Jonny Bramley	2&1
Neale Adams	Andy Porter
Andy Porter	3&2
Khalid Javed	Nev Appleton
Nev Appleton	w/o

Final to be played by September 30

Nick Jones
5&4

Daryl Selby
1up

Jonny Bramley
3&2

Nev Appleton
2up

Nick Jones
20th

Nev Appleton
20th

*disqualified

LAST CHANCE TO EARN A WRYTER TICKET TO GULLANE



GLORIOUS
Gullane

THE race to Gullane and the Wryter Cup XXXII reaches the finishing line at Captain's Day on August 14, with plenty of places still up for grabs.

Nev Appleton's semi-final victory in the Emsley Carr Trophy has confirmed his spot (both Emsley finalists qualify automatically) while Andy Glen, Jonny Bramley, Mark Lomas and Khalid Javed can also be pretty certain of qualifying alongside PGS Captain John Quinn and Secretary Tim Allan.

Beyond that, it would take a remarkable set of results at Royal Winchester to prevent Steve Lewis,

Evan Samuel and Ian Woods heading to East Lothian in October, and double Emsley champion Andrew Porter's record will surely see him there too, one way or another.

After that, it all gets a bit tense. Ollie McCormack, Colin Hancock, Dylan Dronfield and Nick Cherrie all have the chance to seal their places in the final qualifier, and Mike Allen and Nick Toksvig could also make a late run.

Of those with just two results to date, Jeff Randall, Christian Fraser and James Saville could all secure

places in the team with strong finishes at Royal Winchester.

As ever, it's going to be a testing post-round selection for Captain Quinn, who'll have at least two picks in addition to the automatic qualifiers.

Places after 7 qualifiers. Club hcps

Andy Glen	2	2	8	12
Jonathan Bramley	1	6	7	14
Tim Allan (Q)	2	9	4	15
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
Steve Lewis	7	2	9	18
Evan Samuel	4	6	8	18
Ian Woods	7	5	7	19
Oliver McCormack	7	8	5	20
Andrew Porter	2	1	18	21
Colin Hancock	12	4	7	23
Dylan Dronfield	11	9	8	28
Paolo Minoli	10	10	13	33
Nick Cherrie	20	13	1	34
Nick Jones	1	1	-	2
Jeff Randall	6	2	-	8
Christian Fraser	12	4	-	16
James Saville	13	4	-	17

JOHN GORDON GOLDEN PUTTER

STEVE LEWIS has maintained his lead in the chase for the Sir John Gordon Golden Putter.

A solid performance from the Mail man at Ashridge has kept him ahead of Jonny Bramley and Andrew Porter in tied second, although Porter would move to the head of the table with a top-four finish at Captain's Day. Colin Hancock has moved up into fourth after decent performances in the last two meetings.

The Golden Putter is awarded to the player with the three best finishes in the season's eight singles competitions.

After 5 qualifiers. PGS hcps

Steve Lewis	5	10	2	17
Jonathan Bramley	6	7	9	22
Andrew Porter	2	1	19	22
Colin Hancock	14	4	7	25
Khalid Javed	3	16	8	27
Nevil Appleton	12	2	14	28
Nick Jones	1	1	-	2
Jeff Randall	6	2	-	8
Nick Cherrie	13	1	-	14

Full results on pressgs.co.uk

Join Captain Quinn at Winchester

PGS Captain John Quinn can't wait to welcome us all to Royal Winchester Golf Club on Monday, August 14 for his Captain's Day, with a little help from our friends at Golfbreaks.

Quinn reports: "The course is currently in very good shape and Royal Winchester will make sure everyone enjoys a top day both on the fairways and in the clubhouse.

"RWGC is a private members' club a little north of the historic city of Winchester. It was established in 1888 and laid out by JH Taylor on typical Hampshire downland: the chalk drains incredibly well, offering wonderful all year-round golf and the course hosts many regional events.

"It's a real test and anyone playing to their handicap on our tricky, fast greens and rolling, wide fairways



will have played well, especially if they need a result to qualify to face the French at Gullane!

"The day will start at 10am with coffee, bacon baps and the Captain's Condensed Course Guide! I'll wave everyone off from 11am at the first tee and, a little later, plan to greet everyone as they leave the ninth green with complimentary burgers, beers and

fizz at the halfway hut. Then everyone will have the chance to beat me and win a prize on the 17th hole, a well-guarded par three. I'm really grateful to Golfbreaks for offering up the prizes!

"The club's award-winning restaurant is putting together a delicious four-course meal and there'll be wine on the tables. I've also had a lot of fun choosing the wine for the prize-giving after the meal!

"Many members have already said they plan to stay the night - there's a selection of good, local accommodation, ranging from the boutique Wykeham Arms next to the cathedral, to the popular Mercure Winchester in the city centre."

To book your spot, just sign up via the link on the PGS website home page.

WONDROUS Royal Winchester



SIXTH MEETING: MONDAY, 14th AUGUST

ROYAL WINCHESTER

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COMPETITIONS

AM The Billennium Bowl (holder: Felix Duckworth), Captain's Day prizes and the Harold Lewis Weight for Age Trophy (holder: Peter Dazeley). Stableford singles, play in threes from 11am.

COST

£95 per golfer; includes coffee &

bacon rolls from 10am, golf and four-course dinner. Pay online Press Golfing Society account 40749648 sort code 204141.

ENTRIES

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DRESS CODE

"Smart casual." But please bring a jacket & tie for the presentation photographs, as you're bound to win.

PRIZES

Kindly provided by PGS Captain John Quinn, with help from Golfbreaks.

TELEPHONE

Messages can be left at the club on 01962 852462

HOW TO GET THERE

By Car: The club is on Sarum Road, just west of historic Winchester.

By Train: The nearest station is Winchester, just over a mile away.

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