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TOP GUNS AT WINCHESTER:

Mike Allen receives his prize from host Captain Quinn, along with, right, Phil Harris and Andrew Porter. Phil on the tee, bottom right, with Graham Marsden, Christa & Jeremy Chapman and Chris Stevens

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Golfbreaks

Allen has the key

Royal Captain's Day triumph for Mike at Winchester

CAPTAIN John Quinn, ably assisted by his wife Sheena, spoiled members with an unforgettable day out at his beloved Royal Winchester.

The warmest of welcomes on the first tee box, a challenging but lovely course in terrific shape with stunning views of the Hampshire countryside (and Alan Shearer's fancy new gaff), a cheeseburger cooked to perfection at the turn and – as always – tremendous company.

The only thing he failed to organise was the weather, which didn't exactly play ball. Although having been battered by the wind and rain for the majority of the round, the sun did peak out momentarily to welcome players back into the clubhouse where a delicious four-course meal awaited.

It was Mike Allen who claimed a maiden PGS victory, the Billenium Bowl and a last-gasp Wryter Cup call up, beating Phil Harris on countback after amassing a mightily impressive 38 points.

The highlight of his round was a birdie at the 171-yard par 3 12th. He was closest to the pin in his fourball of Ollie McCormack, Richard Jeffrey and Tony Smith, all of whom landed within twelve feet of the hole. Where was the skipper with his camera for that one?!

"The greens may have been a bit

Notice of the AGM

OUR annual meeting takes place straight after the prize-giving of our next meeting at The Berkshire. It's open to all members.

slower than we are used to after all the heavy rain, but the course was in great nick and John and Sheena looked after us in a manner befitting the club's Royal status", said Mike.

"I'd hoped I could make the team this year but only got a passing mention as a potential qualifier in the last newsletter. Maybe that inspired

me but I really made the most of a few lucky breaks."

Rick Evans was third behind Allen and Harris in Division Two, scoring a fine 34 points. In Division One, Brunswick and former Telegraph man Andrew Porter again demonstrated that class is permanent with a superb 37 points playing off five, pipping Ollie McCormack on countback to take first prize. Former PGS Captain Dylan Dronfield came third just a point further back.

Wrapping up the prizes, Nev Appleton won nearest the pin and Royal Winchester member Richard Jeffrey claimed the straightest drive.
-**Jamie Weir**



WIN-WIN: Captain Quinn explains all

The '23 team's all Wryte for Gullane

PGS Captain John Quinn finalised his Wryter Cup team at Royal Winchester, with several members making late runs to claim their trips to Gullane.

Mike Allen, Andrew Porter, Dylan Dronfield and Ollie McCormack all finished in the prizes to seal their spots in the team to face the French, completing a formidable, experienced cadre with every chance of winning back the Cup.

Porter's strong finish took him to the top of the qualification table, ahead of the seasoned quartet of Andy Glen, Nev Appleton, Jonny Bramley and Secretary Tim Allan.

The 2023 PGS Wryter Cup team is:-

Tim Allan	Ollie McCormack
Mike Allen	Paolo Minoli
Nev Appleton	Andy Porter
Jonny Bramley	John Quinn
Nic Brook	Evan Samuel
Dylan Dronfield	Ian Woods
Andy Glen	
Khalid Javed	RESERVES
Steve Lewis	Colin Hancock
Mark Lomas	Tony Smith

The final standings can be found on the website: www.pressgs.co.uk

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THE SIR EMSLEY CARR

Nev Appleton and Nick Jones have chosen Woburn as the venue for their Sir Emsley Carr final. They'll be playing 36 holes on Monday, September 25th. Whatever the result, the trophy will have a new name on it: neither man has claimed this prestigious title before.



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 } Nick Jones
20th

Daryl Selby
1up } Nick Jones
20th

Jonny Bramley
3&2 } Nev Appleton
20th

Nev Appleton
2up } Nev Appleton
20th

*disqualified

Picture: IAN MCGORM



AUTUMN LIGHT:
Neil White tees up at
the 1st on the Red

Back to Berkshire's Red and Blue

THE PGS returns to two of Britain's finest inland courses next week for its traditional September meeting at The Berkshire.

Founded in 1928, the club's Red and Blue courses were designed by Herbert Fowler, the architect responsible for Walton Heath and the redesign of Cruden Bay.

Andy Glen will be defending both the singles and greensomes titles, having claimed the Sun Trophy with a sensational 41 points on the Blue last year,

then teaming up with Jim Murray to win the Sir George Sutton Salver.

This year we'll be playing singles on the Red, a wonderfully-scoreable course of six par threes, six par fours and six par fives. After a consistently excellent Berkshire lunch, the Blue will host the afternoon greensomes.

To book your place at this jewel in our society's calendar, just enter via the link on the PGS website home page.

SEVENTH MEETING: TUESDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER THE BERKSHIRE

COMPETITION

MORNING: From 8am. Singles stableford in threeballs on The Red course. Andy Glen defends The Sun Challenge Trophy.

AFTERNOON: Greensomes on The Blue Course from 1.30pm. Andy Glen & Jim Murray were the 2022 winners of The Sir George Sutton Salver.

ENTRIES

Please enter via our website, pressgs.co.uk using the link on the right-hand side of the home page. Any problems, email Tim at: pgssecretary@gmail.com

COST

£165 per golfer, which includes a £20 subsidy from the PGS (real cost is £185). **Pay online to PRESS GOLFING SOCIETY acc 40749648, sort code 204141.** The cost for just the morning round is

£140, but includes a long wait for the AGM, which follows the prize-giving at the end of the day.

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); 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.

POSTCODE for satnavs

SL5 8AY

SLOANE RANGERS' INVITE TO DINNER

PGS Captain John Quinn has chosen the Sloane Club as the venue for this year's Captain's dinner.

The club, founded in 1922 as the Service Women's Club, opened its doors to men in 1976 and is just a short walk from Sloane Square tube station.

Captain Quinn will be hosting the dinner on Friday, November 17th, providing a welcoming glass of fizz before the three course meal. The cost per head will be £80, which includes half a bottle of wine.

All this season's trophies will be presented on the night: this and last year's winners in particular are strongly encouraged to attend what's sure to be a fun, relaxed evening.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

THE Society's AGM will, as usual, be held straight after this month's event at The Berkshire - and there'll be the chance to vote on one of the venues for next season.

PGS Secretary Tim Allan will present members with three options for next April's Society day, covering a range of courses and prices.

Any member wishing to raise anything at the AGM should contact Tim in advance.

JOHN GORDON GOLDEN PUTTER

ANDREW PORTER has taken a commanding lead in the race for the John Gordon Golden Putter.

The Golden Putter is awarded to the player with the best three finishes from the season's monthly singles events and Porter's Division One victory at Captain's Day has moved him beyond the reach of all but a handful of potential challengers.

The two players with the best chance of overhauling the Brunswick man are Mike Allen, whose Billenium Bowl victory at Royal Winchester gives him a first and a second place finish, and Nick Jones with his two wins at Worplesdon and Ashridge.

There are now just two counting events remaining this season: at The Berkshire and West Hill.

After 6 qualifiers. PGS hcps

Andrew Porter	2	1	3	6
Oliver McCormack	7	5	4	16
Steve Lewis	5	10	2	17
Mike Allen	2	16	1	19
Jeff Randall	6	2	12	20
Jonathan Bramley	6	7	9	22
Dylan Dronfield	9	9	6	24
Colin Hancock	14	4	7	25
Khalid Javed	3	16	8	27
Nevil Appleton	12	2	14	28
Nick Jones	1	1	27	29
Paolo Minoli	8	9	13	30
Ian Woods	10	12	10	32
Nick Cherrie	13	1	-	14
Laurence Lee	4	16	-	20

Full results on pressgs.co.uk