



Press Golfing Society

JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

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REMAINING 2023 FIXTURES & MATCHES

Support
President's Day..

**Tuesday
13th June
WALTON
HEATH**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 13
WALTON HEATH**
President's Day
& Guest Day
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**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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DAVID EMERY

FORMER PGS captain David Emery has died aged 76, following a catastrophic stroke early last year.

David, a former Daily Express sports editor and chief sports writer, was captain in 2003, carrying out his duties with his unmistakable elan and wit.

He was a talented writer who started his career on the Surrey Comet before getting his first job on Fleet Street at the Daily Mail.

He also worked on the Daily Star in its very early years but it was at the Daily Express that he really made his name.

He established himself as one of the top sports writers in the country on the Express, covering the 1984 Olympics where he filed on the Zola Budd/Mary Decker drama for a 4am special (remember them!).

He also covered the Mexico World Cup in 1986, reporting on Maradona's Hand of God goal before being appointed sports editor



An energetic and enthusiastic sports editor, whose first sporting love was athletics, he engendered great loyalty in those who worked for him.

After leaving the Express in 1996 he worked for the Press Association before setting up the weekly titles - the Football League Paper, Non-League Paper, Cricket Paper and Rugby Paper. Two of the five sons from his two marriages continue to run his media business.

David joined the PGS in 1988 and was always a great supporter of the Christmas Scramble, often bringing his sons along to join his team and providing a host of auction lots.

He was a warm and generous captain in 2003 and played in three Wryter Cups, leading the side to victory in Hardelot. He also won the Sir George Sutton Salver with Norman Dixon in 1993, the Mirror Trophy in 2001 and the Sir Harry Brittain Trophy with Paul Trow in 2003. -Mike Allen

It's Win Win for Nick Cherrie's on top again at second of our three W's

MIRROR man Nick Cherrie saw double as he claimed his paper's trophy for the second year running at Woking.

His winning score of 34 points, in gorgeously perfect conditions and on immaculate greens, indicated just how difficult it can be to score on this wonderfully traditional, testing course.

The greens are enormous, heavily (and yet also subtly) contoured and, even in May, fast enough to take a missed putt an uncomfortable length past the hole. As Roderick Easdale noted, "it's an on in two, off in six sort of course".

Cherrie's excellent score took Division One from Stephen Forrest (32 points) with the Beeb's Christian Fraser third on count-back with 31.

Nev Appleton, relaxing in Division Two, took first with his 32 points, ahead of Roderick Easdale on 30 and Jonny Bramley (in the midst of thirteen consecutive days of golf) on 29.



WO-KINGS: Colin Hancock, PGS vice captain Tony Smith, and Tim Allan, and inset, Mirror Trophy winner Nick Cherrie.



After a fine, old-school lunch, well-refreshed pairings set out in the unseasonal heat for the greensomes. As Sarah and Stephen Forrest stood on the 17th tee, they almost had the Wilkinson Sword in their hands after an outstanding first sixteen holes.

However, they failed to make the most of the final two, and three groups behind them the unlikely pairing of Tim Allan and Colin Hancock were starting to make

a charge. They eventually closed with three pars and a birdie on the last, their 39 points snatching victory from the Forrests on 36, with Jim Murray and Jonny Bramley third on 34.

Yet again, Woking had provided a wonderful day's golf on a world class yet thoroughly English course. To finish in the late afternoon sun, with a cooling drink on the wisteria-framed terrace, is as close to heaven as most journalists will ever reach.

Picture: SARAH FORREST

THE SIR EMSLEY CARR KNOCKOUT

FORMER BBC Sports executive Jonny Bramley is the first player into the Sir Emsley Carr semi-finals, following a 3&2 victory over Ian Woods. The recently retired Bramley, demonstrating that spending every day on a golf course can improve one's game, is now just two victories away from a maiden Emsley title, as well as leading both the race for the John Gordon Golden Putter and qualification for this year's Wryter Cup. Elsewhere, this year's Emsley has



been afflicted by several delayed and/or conceded matches. As a result, Daryl Selby has been called up as a reserve to take on Paul Kelso, with the other quarters between Worpleston and Woking winners Nick Jones and Nick Cherrie, and reigning double Emsley champion Andrew Porter and Nev Appleton. The PGS Committee will be discussing how best to ensure the competitiveness and integrity of our knock-out competition in good time for the 2024 draw.

Chris Cutmore	}	Nick Cherrie 2&1	}	Quarter finals to be played by June 30
Nick Cherrie		Nick Jones 3&2		Semi finals to be played by August 14
Mark Lomas	}	Paul Kelso w/o	}	
Nick Jones		Daryl Selby (reserve)		
James Nursey	}	Ian Woods 2up	}	Jonny Bramley 3&2
Paul Kelso		Jonny Bramley 2&1		
James Saville	}	Andy Porter 3&2	}	
Ollie McCormack*		Nev Appleton w/o		*disqualified
Ian Woods	}		}	
Evan Samuel				
Steve Lewis	}		}	
Jonny Bramley				
Neale Adams	}		}	
Andy Porter				
Khalid Javed	}		}	
Nev Appleton				

Nations Cup call

PGS Nations Cup captain Bubbles Bramley (yes, he's leading this one too) is keen to hear from any PGS member free in October to play top-quality golf by Lake Garda, dine on fine food, stay in a five-star hotel and pay a ridiculously bargain price for what promises to be a remarkably enjoyable experience. A couple of our Nations Cup team have had to withdraw. Anyone interested in replacing them should contact Jonny directly, asap..



Wryter Cup XXXII

PGS captain John Quinn looks set to lead a strong, experienced team to take on the French at Gullane this October. With just three qualifying meetings left for this year's Wryter Cup, the PGS meeting at Woking confirmed places for a phalanx of in-form players with proven Wryter pedigree. Nev Appleton, Mark Lomas and Khalid Javed all recorded top-ten finishes to join table-topping Jonny Bramley in the leading quartet, while Evan Samuel, Andy Glen and Ian Woods remain hot favourites to join them in East Lothian.

Nick Cherrie's successful defence of his Mirror trophy has moved him right up into contention, and Nick Toksvig's solid showing at Woking also gives him a shot at making the team. Of those with just two counting finishes thus far, the double Emsley and reigning News of The World champion, Andy Porter, is almost certain to qualify and the Beeb's Christian Fraser could seal his place with just one more decent finish.

Places after 5 qualifiers. Club hcps

Jonathan Bramley	1	6	7	14
Nevl 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
Andy Glen	2	16	2	20
Ian Woods	7	5	9	21
Tim Allan (Q)	2	14	12	28
Oliver McCormack	7	17	8	32
Nick Cherrie	20	13	1	34
Dylan Dronfield	11	9	19	39
Nick Toksvig	14	21	6	41
Andrew Porter	2	1	-	3
Christian Fraser	12	4	-	16

FULL RESULTS: www.pressgs.co.uk

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IRON MEN! ...just because we like it (ed)

Quantitative easing

IN strictly numerical terms, the PGS lost our annual match against the Stock Exchange at Royal Mid-Surrey two weeks ago. However, as the sun dipped over the Canadian oak by the clubhouse and a solid core of the PGS team relaxed well into the evening, it seemed that golf isn't always (PIF/PGA/DP excepting) just a numbers game.

In this event, every hole counts, with the total across each match deciding the winner. To take the profits and losses first, honourable mention goes to the Javed/Samuel pairing who came in ahead. The other five matches were in the debit column, although most by just a fine margin.

But according to PGS Vice-President and match captain Patrick Eagar, this told only part of the story: "The match was a great success in terms of enjoyment. Royal Mid-Surrey was its picturesque best, the greens weren't impossible and with the refreshing east winds, there were no aeroplanes to bother us either." Result.

Bring a guest to President's Day!

NEXT up for the PGS is the ever-popular President's Day at Walton Heath...and there's still just time to book your spot at the former Ryder Cup and US Open qualifying venue.

PGS President Peter Dazeley will be hosting his inaugural meeting as head of the Society, having taken over the mantle from Philippa Kennedy earlier this year.

Both the Old (1903) and the New (1907) courses were designed by Herbert Fowler (The Berkshire, Saunton Sands plus revisions at Cruden Bay and Burnham and Berrow among others) and both sit comfortably within the UK and Ireland's top 50.

Heather is the main defence, out of which over-ambitious shots tend to be punished severely.

Walton Heath's history entwines both politics and journalism, counting four Prime Ministers among its past members, as well as PGS captain and President, Lord Riddell, who ran the club for many years.

This month's meeting is also the one regular event in our calendar to which members may invite guests, and as ever there will be generous President's prizes in both categories.

To sign up, just click the link on the right-hand side of the PGS homepage.

FOURTH MEETING: TUESDAY, 13th JUNE

COMPETITIONS

MORNING:
From 8am - Stableford singles on the Old Course for the Reg Hinder Memorial Trophy.
Holder: Nic Brook.
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
£155 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

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