



Society of Hertfordshire Golf Captains

Captain Brian McDonald (2023-2024)

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Suffolk Match

Felixstowe Ferry GC



On a blustery day in early June we travelled to the far reaches of Suffolk and Felixstowe Golf Club, formed in 1880 and listed in the top 100 courses in England.



A links course and we visited when it showed its teeth with a strong wind causing the conditions, with high

rough, to be difficult. As usual the matches were very competitive and unfortunately we were the wrong side of a 4½ - 3½ result. The company and the facilities were excellent as was the opposition. There is no actual cup/trophy for this fixture but as you can see from the pictures below a model ship, We look forward to next seasons match and finding a suitable tricky course for our guests



Captain Brian handing over the de facto Trophy to Suffolk Captain John Pywell



Captain Brian congratulating our worthy opponents

Vice Captains Day West Herts Golf Club

On a superb summers day the society met up early at West Herts GC for our Vice Captains Day, enjoying our bacon rolls at 8am. The weather was set fair, sun shinning and the course in excellent condition as Society Captain Brian and Club Captain Frank led the field off from the 1st tee. Some great golf was played throughout the day, included a delightful shot into the 9th green by Captain Frank for a birdie before sampling Gary's hospitality at the half way hut and setting off on the back 9.

After an excellent meal in the clubhouse the results showed that there was some excellent golf played by the members with 9, scoring 36 or more points. The top 4 saw, Peter Barnes on 38 points in fourth place and also winning the Roland Bird Trophy for the best score of a member over 75. Third place on countback also on 38 went to Society Captain Brian, just pipped for second by David Ross, Arkley on 39 points but he was still 2 points behind the winner of The Summer Cup, Duncan Mutton from Whipsnade Park, congratulations Duncan.

The day also saw the competition for the R & A Quaich hot up with 7 players within 6 points with the final qualifying event to be played on Presidents Day at Hadley Wood on the 19th July'



Presidents Day

Hadley Wood Golf Club

A fine day for a change this season saw Hadley Wood host our Presidents Day, on behalf of President Don Bailey and the final leg of the R & A Quaich qualifier in sunshine. 44 members enjoyed the demanding course, playing long with slick greens but the hospitality of Don in the half way house did help many out with sustenance and alcohol. The field then enjoyed an excellent cold buffet before the results which showed how demanding the course had been. Only 3 players scored in excess of 36 points.

In the end our Hon Treasurer, Bob Howell from Arkley led the field home with an impressive 39 points, scoring 22 on the back 9. 1 point ahead of local Past Captain John Bolton and 2 ahead of third place Dave Bowers from Aldenham.

The Quaich proved even tighter with Duncan Mutton, Whipsnade Park and David Ross, Arkley tied on 75 points'



Match v Captains Club Harpenden Common Golf Club

So we arrived at Harpenden Common along with the rain for this 20 a side match which should have been played in shorts given the July date but instead it was waterproofs and umbrellas for most if not all. A 2 tee start helped the field out and the matches were tight affairs with some very close scores and as the Society Captain prevailed in his match he was a winner whatever the outcome. After enjoying an excellent buffet lunch and lively discussions the results filtered out. As things turned out this match followed the tradition of the host club winning, this time by a tighter margin than some $6\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$ points. Congratulations to Club Captain Darren Hawkins and his team on the win and please look after our Slaver until next year when we will try again to win it, this time against West Herts'



Note for your Diary

Mixed Invitation is now at Old Fold Manor

Fixtures 2023

Tuesday 4th April	County Boys (Under 14's)	Abandoned
Thursday 27th April	Captains Day & AGM	Won George Campbell
Tuesday 2nd May	Inter-Club L/Officers	Moor Park WD3 1QN
Sunday 7th May	Herts Salver	Harpenden Common AL5 1BL
Tuesday 9th May	London Captain	7 ½ - 2 ½ when Abandoned
Wednesday 24th May	Buckinghamshire	Won 4 ½ - 3 ½
Tuesday 30th May	Triangular	Won 519/497/476
Thursday 8th June	Suffolk Captains	Lost 4 ½ - 3 ½
Monday 19th June	Vice Captains Day	Won Duncan Mutton
Sun-Tuesday 9-11th July	Mixed Away	
Hatchet Salver & Rose Bowl		David Smith & Sue Barnes
Mixed Fourball		David & Jacky Smith
Singles		Steve Vyse
Wednesday 19th July	Presidents Day	Won Bob Howell
Monday 24th July	v Captains Club	Won by Harpenden Common
Thursday 10th Aug	Centenary Match	Welwyn Garden City AL8 7BP
Thursday 17th Aug	Four Counties	Buckingham MK18 4AE
Wednesday 30th Aug	Mixed Invitation Mtg	Old Fold Manor EN5 4QN
Tuesday 5th Sept	With Herts Lady Captains	Hadley Wood EN4 0JJ
Wednesday 13th Sept	v Bedfordshire	Old Fold Manor EN5 4QN
Monday 18th Sept	v Northamptonshire	Collingtree Park GC NN4 0XN
Thursday 28th Sept	Mixed v Norfolk	Heacham Manor GC PE31 7JX
Friday 5th Oct	Autumn Meeting & Crameri Cup Final	East Herts SG9 9NB
Wednesday 25th Oct	County Boys (Under 16)	Chestfield Downs SG4 7EQ
Friday 1st Dec	Xmas Fayre	Harpenden Common AL5 1BL



If you wish to take part in any of the meetings/matches then please contact our
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