



Society of Hertfordshire Golf Captains

Captain Brian McDonald (2023-2024)

Hon Secretary Eric Diment

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Centenary Match Welwyn Garden City

So, the Society returned to Welwyn Garden City for the second time this season following the downpour when we played against London Captains but I am delighted to report this time the weather behaved itself.

It was a little warm for once this season and players actually commented they were too hot, a rare event this year.

We, were celebrating the Centenary of this club and played a mixed match of 16 a side. There were several faces from the past on both sides and the match was played in the usual friendly rivalry that these days produce in good humour and excellent spirit.

This game was all about celebrating with Welwyn Garden City and as usual home advantage paid dividends with the hosts running out as winners $5 \frac{1}{2} - 2 \frac{1}{2}$.

We didn't leave with a trophy but did accept from The Chair of the Centenary Committee, Doug Barson a copy of their published book celebrating their 100 years.



Club Captain of Welwyn Garden City



Doug Barson presenting the Society with a signed copy of the Centenary book



Lady Captain of WGC Signing Centenary Book

Four Counties

Another year and the team set off for the Buckingham Golf Club with hope rather than high expectations as the hosts usual pick a venue to suit themselves. Well the weather was kind to us, which hasn't always been the case this season and the teams from Worcestershire, Norfolk, Buckinghamshire and ourselves started out on a very interesting first hole, partially blind and water just where you wanted to land your tee shot ! You're Hon Sec was happy to be injured any only watching this one !

These matches are usually a very close affair played off the 'historical' white tees as has been shown in recent years with the JES Teddy Brooke Trophy always keenly contested with the best 5 scores to count so a real team game.

This years fixture didn't disappoint either and as we had a rolling meal the scores slowly came in and the leader board was very close. So, for once home advantage didn't pay off and Buckinghamshire had the honour of the virtual wooden spoon on 177 points, Norfolk had 188 and Worcestershire the current holders finishing on 192 but I am delighted to say that the team of the day was from Hertfordshire winning with 193 points and also collecting one of the nearest the pins, congratulations Doug Barson and the best winning pair on 41 points, Nick Brookes and David Biggerstaff. So, it's congratulations to Captain Brian Macdonald, Gary Rees, Simon Tansley, John Annison, Andy Bardsley, Neil Hewitt, Doug Barson, Phil Swan, Colin Anderson, Melvyn Rose, Nick Brookes and David Biggerstaff for winning the event, the first time we have won since we hosted it Old Fold Manor in 2017. Next year it's a trip to Droitwich !



Mixed Invitation Old Fold Manor

A fine day and a late change of venue due to course maintenance saw the Mixed Invitation Day back at Old Fold Manor for the second year in a row.

Last years winners Tony Pinn and Fiona King were back to defend the Millennium Salver at their home club along with several other strong pairings.

The course was playing well, the ball was travelling and the greens were in excellent condition so the expectation of some high scores despite the Greensome format was set from the first tee.

After a delightful buffet meal the results showed that there were some great scores. If you didn't score 40 then you weren't in the top 3.

40 points saw John and Karen Allison, Letchworth in third place and then the top 2 were only separated on count back. So, 41 points saw home Club Captain John Batchelor paired with Linda Harlow just loosing out to winners David and Janis Lines from Brookmans Park, both scoring 21 points on the back 9, but the winners just edging the last 6!

A great day and as next years event is scheduled for Brookmans Park we hope to see the winners defending the Salver in 2024'



David and Janis Lines



John and Karen Allison

In Memoriam

This last month has seen the passing of two members of the Society

John Hammond

Past Captain of South Herts Golf Club.

Willee 'Brand New' Brooks

Past Captain of Harpenden Common Golf Club and Past Captain & President of the Society

They will be missed

Note for your Diary

28th Sept Mixed match v Norfolk, Heacham Manor GC PE31 7JX

5th Oct Autumn Meeting and Crameri Cup Final, East Herts SG9 9NB

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	Won by Welwyn Garden City
Thursday 17th Aug	Four Counties	Won by Hertfordshire
Wednesday 30th Aug	Mixed Invitation Mtg	David and Janis Lines
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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