



Society of Hertfordshire Golf Captains

Captain Brian McDonald (2023-2024)

Hon Secretary Eric Diment

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Home Match v Bedfordshire, Wednesday 13th September

Old Fold Manor was the home venue for this fixture, a course we know well and traditionally win at and given the fact that we had 3 players from the home club and we all arrived on a sunny day expecting a positive outcome.

Well, despite the knowledge and conditions that didn't go to plan.

Some great matches ensued with rivalries renewed but as we settled down to enjoy our meal it became apparent that it was the away team that had conquered the course not us.

The Pearson Plate was to remain in the custody of Bedfordshire for another year after an excellent 8-2 win by the opposition.

So, Captain Brian had lost his first match this season and duly handed over the plate to Captain Martin Latch. We hope for a better result next year when we travel to Bedford and County Golf Club.



Away Match v Northamptonshire, Monday 18th September

This was a fixture held over from last season which had to be postponed as it clashed with the sad occasion of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's funeral.

We arrived at Collingtree Park Golf Club, which hosted The British Masters in 1995 to try and wrestle the Hollingsworth Salver from our hosts.

The weather just about behaved itself although the wind was strong which made this tight course very tricky, and it was before you looked at all the water !

The team enjoyed themselves along with the hospitality of our hosts and an excellent meal which always make the day better.

So, Captain Brian was back on track as we managed an away win 5-3. A fairly close affair but we now hold the Hollingsworth Salver, congratulations to the team who will try to defend this next year at Aldwickbury Park.



Mixed Match Away v Norfolk, Heacham Manor

Thursday 28th September

‘ A long trip for this fixture saw the pairs travel to Heacham Manor for the first time and enjoy the hospitality of our friends from Norfolk.

This is a recent addition to our fixture list and both sides have found it enjoyable playing Greensomes for the Tony Thacker Trophy which we managed to win on our last away trip.

Sadly, we then went on to loose at home last season so I was hoping for a repeat performance this time.

We had a small but dedicated team led by our Vice Captain Gary Rees but sadly history was not going to prevail and we lost 5 – 2 and my only consolation was it’s another course that despite being open, local knowledge does help.

After enjoying a decent meal we set off on the journey home hoping that next year when we host the event at Brickendon Grange the result will be a little different ‘



Gary with President Gordon Cartwright as we had over the Tony Thacker Trophy

Autumn Meeting, East Herts Thursday 5th October

So as the season draws to its inevitable conclusion and we arrived at East Herts on a fine day for golf and our Autumn Meeting along with the final of the Crameri Cup.

For the first time in the history of the Cup the home club had a team in the final, surely home advantage must be worth a few holes!

Sadly, the numbers participating were down on recent years but that didn't detract from a great day, some fine golf was played on a course that was looking and playing well before we all enjoyed one of the best meals of the year. Congratulations to East Herts on all fronts.

Yes home advantage did prevail and saw the home pairing of Iain Mutch and Paul Scott winning the Crameri Cup 3 & 1 from Don Wilson and Graham Carter of The Melbourne Club, congratulations East Herts.

On to the Autumn Trophy and you needed at least 37 points to get in the prizes, with local man Alan Thomas partnering Doug Root claiming 4th on countback from 3rd place Richard Blanchflower and Paul Burrell with a creditable 38 points. 2nd place saw two stalwarts of the society Ted Marriott and Allan Gray on 40 points but the eventual winners using his home advantage was Phil Swan and our Hon Auditor Melvyn Rose with an excellent 41 points.

So, an excellent day all round for East Herts, winning the Crameri Cup, a share of The Autumn Cup and providing a first rate venue and delightfully fayre. We now look forward to the season ending Christmas Fayre at Harpenden Common on the 1st December, an opportunity to play with friends and eat your first Turkey meal



Iain Mutch and Paul Scott
Winners Crameri Cup



Don Wilson and Graham Carter
Runners Up Crameri Cup



Melvyn Rose and Phil Swam
Winners Autumn Meeting

In Memoriam

This last month has seen the passing of one member of the Society

Don Craik

Past Captain of Brickenden Grange and past Captain of the Society

Note for your Diary

1st December Christmas Fayre at Harpenden Common AL5 1BL

7th March 2024 Annual Black Dinner Aldwickbury Park GC



Men's Clothing List – 2023/24

- Bobble Hat £22
- Cap £15
- Rollneck Top £35
- Polo Shirt – Deacon – Ascot Blue £32
- Slipover - Windermere – Lambswool £53
- Slipover - Rankin – Merino £53
- Sweater – Lomond – Lambswool £55
- Gilet – Anton – Electric Blue/Black/White £60
- Windcheater – Cortina - ½ Sleeve - Electric Blue/Black/White £60
- Waterproof Jacket – Matterhorn - Electric Blue/Black/White £85
- Silk Tie £20
- Bow Tie £5
- Cufflinks £5
- Green Blazer - www.allclothing.co.uk Brook Taverner - Henley
- Blazer Badges £20 *

Women's Clothing List – 2023/24

- Bobble Hat £22
- Cap £15
- Polo Shirt – Paloma – Tahiti £32
- Polo Shirt – Sophie - Tahiti £32
- Sweater – Nina - Lambswool £55
- Sweater – Maya – Merino £55
- Sweater – Darcy – Cotton £40
- Gilet – Tania – £55
- Padded Jacket – Samara £60
- Green Blazer - Bespoke www.jackiepalmer.net
enquiries@jackiepalmer.net or “off the peg”
- Blazer Badges £20

Further information provided over the page regarding Blazers. To order any of the stock items above please contact Kaz Donald on 07867 508880 or kaz@munsterhall.com Payment required, by bank transfer, when garment is ordered. Gilets, Windcheaters & Jackets are not held in stock but can be ordered by arrangement.

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	Won Bedfordshire 8-2
Monday 18th Sept	v Northamptonshire	Won Hertfordshire 5-3
Thursday 28th Sept	Mixed v Norfolk	Won Norfolk 5-2
Friday 5th Oct	Autumn Meeting & Crameri Cup Final	Won Melvyn Rose & Phil Swan Won Iain Mutch and Paul Scott East Herts GC
Wednesday 25th Oct	County Boys (Under 16)	Cancelled
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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