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Stop Press

Still places available for the Vice Captain Club match at Letchworth on Monday 24th June so please if you are available and would like to participate please contact Eric Diment at sohgc@yahoo.com and join us for an enjoyable day.

Herts Salver West Herts Golf Club



The Herts Salver was played this year at West Herts, being a qualifier for the Herts Men's County Championship and sponsored by the society it is always hosted at our Captains Club.

The field were fortunate to find a rare sunny day this year and the playing conditions were excellent, and the course well-manicured for the event. A strong field found the top 17 qualifying for the Championship but with the dreaded count-back required a few of those on +4 just missed out but the winner and only player to break par was Jamie Jackson from Knebworth with a gross 71, -1 on the day, congratulations.

We wish all the qualifiers well in the Final Stages of the Championship

Inter – Club Liaison Officers Meeting

Moor Park GC High Course



The Inter-Club meeting at Moor Park saw 22 teams taking to the Course after a good Ploughman's lunch.

New additions to the regular participants saw Bishops Stortford and Shendish Manor participating for the first time, and they were warmly welcomed.

The sun did shine for us which was very welcome after the deluge on the Bank Holiday Monday, but it did impact the course being very wet in several places and a couple of members unable to participate due to the lack of buggies. However, that did not dampen the spirit or enjoyment of the attendees and there were several excellent scores although no one managed to eclipse last year's winning score of 86. So, after another enjoyable meal provided by the excellent catering staff at Moor Park the teams waited for the prize giving after the loyal toast.

The top 5 consisted of Arkley on 81 points, just pipped on countback by Hadley Wood with Aldwickbury Park in third on 83 points. Second place on 84 points were the new team from Shendish Manor led by their Club Captain John Nicholl but in the end home advantage proved the critical factor even if it was on count-back!

Congratulations to Moor Park , winners on their own course for the first time with a team of John Ambridge, Nick O'Byrne, David Lansdowne and Cameron McWhinnie.

Match v London Captain's Pinner Hill GC

So, May 8th saw several of the team back out on a course the day after Moor Park and the Inter-Club meeting, again we were on a hilly course this time, Pinner Hill !

We have been very unfortunately over the years with this fixture and been the victim of heavy rain, thunder storms and even hail but this time the sun shone. and everyone was very grateful.

As always home advantage does play a part in these fixtures but we did go with reasonable expectations, albeit without several regular attendees.

Pinner Hill like many clubs had been impacted by the heavy rain over the bank holiday weekend but the greens were true and fair but you definitely needed to clean your shoes when you had finished.

Everyone had a great day in good company and enjoyed some excellent refreshments before and after golf along with a few drinks but in the absence of the Society Captain we started his year off on the wrong foot with a 7 - 3 defeat.

I am sure last years Captain won't mention it at all going forwards and my thanks to our President Andy Nemes who stepped up on the day and led the team from the front.



Match v Buckinghamshire Aldenham GC

On a fine day for golf, a rare occurrence this season we entertained Buckinghamshire at Aldenham Golf Club for the honour of winning the much-travelled Harleyford Trophy.

After a light lunch we set off in defence of the Trophy lead by Captain Gary and Club Captain Simon on what turned out to be a tough course. The rough was just beginning to get to that awkward length, initially to find your ball and then to get it out with ease. For some , the greens were slower than we had recently played on but that's a poor excuse as well. The omens were probably against us from the outset with the number of shots we were giving away but that did not detract from good company, a good day and a decent meal after golf. Sadly, the strong team I thought we had chosen didn't live up to the high standards that last year's team set winning away from home at Ellesborough and we succumbed to a well-oiled Buckinghamshire team 2-6.

Congratulations to Captain Colin and his team so please look after the trophy for this year and we look forward to Harleyford next May when we will do our outmost to regain it.



Mixed Match v Norfolk Brickendon Grange

This year it was the turn of Hertfordshire to host the Mixed Match v Norfolk and 7 pairs arrived at Brickendon Grange with the hope and expectations of a dry day and to regain the Trophy last won the first time this fixture was played 3 years ago. So, no pressure on Captain Gary whose season has started with a slow burn.

We failed on the first front as the weather continued to disappoint as it has all year with showers, a heavy downpour and even some sunshine on occasions but always accompanied by a steady wind. Several friendships were renewed and a couple of new participants enjoyed a well set up course with excellent fairways and quick greens before a good meal and drink with old and new friends alike.

In the end it was all about the result and after the meal, President Graeme Cowie from Norfolk had to hand the trophy over to Gary after a home win 5-2. Congratulations to all those who played and let's see if next year we can make it 2 wins in a row.



Fixtures 2024

Thursday 7th March Annual Dinner	Aldwickbury Park AL5 1AB
Tuesday 9th April County Boys (Under 14's)	Essendon AL9 6HN
Thursday 18th April Past Captains Dinner	Harpenden Common AL5 1BL
Thursday 25th April Captains Day & AGM	Harpenden Common AL5 1BL
Sunday 5th May Herts Salver	West Herts WD3 3RL
Tuesday 7th May Inter – Club L/Officers	Moor Park WD3 1QN
Wednesday 8th May London Captain	Pinner GC HA5 3YA
Monday 20th May Buckinghamshire	Aldenham GC WD25 8NN
Thursday 30th May Mixed v Norfolk	Brickendon Grange SG13 8PD
Monday 3rd June Triangular	Brentwood GC CM14 5RJ
Monday 10th June Suffolk Captains	Royston GC SG8 5BG
Wednesday 19th June Anniversary Match v Whipsnade Park	Whipsnade Park HP4 1RH
Monday 24th June Match v Vice Captains Club	Letchworth GC SG6 3NQ
Sunday-Monday 30-1st July Mixed Away Forest or Arden	CV7 7HR
Thursday 18th July Presidents Day	Knebworth SG3 6NL
Wednesday 7th August Four Counties	Droitwich WR9 0BH
Wednesday 28th Aug Mixed Invitation Mtg	Brookman's Park AL9 7AT
Monday 9th Sept Vs Bedfordshire	Bedford & County GC MK416ET
Monday 16th Sept Vs Northamptonshire	Aldwickbury Park AL5 1AB
Monday 23rd Sept With Herts Lady Captains	Mill Green GC AL7 4TY
Wednesday 9th Oct Autumn Meeting + Crameri Cup Final	Porters Park WD7 7AZ
Monday 2nd Dec Xmas Fayre	West Herts GC WD3 3RL