



# Society of Hertfordshire Golf Captains

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## **Stop Press**

### **Mixed Invitation**

**We unfortunately have had a withdrawal from the Mixed Invitation at Brookmans Park on the 28th August. If any pair would like to enter to balance the draw then please contact the Hon Secretary as a matter of urgency**

### **Mixed with Ladies**

**We still require members to play with the Herts Ladies Captains on Monday 29th September at Mill Green.**

**Please contact Hon Secretary if you can play in this fixture which is always very enjoyable.**

# Presidents Day

## Knebworth Golf Club



Presidents Day is always one of the highlights of our season and this year we had a great venue, a very popular President in Andy Nemes, and we managed to experience one of those rare British summer days of 2024 ! Possibly, a little too hot for some but that didn't detract the field from a great day with some very decent scores. The idea of offering cornetto's at the halfway house was inspired by our President and enjoyed by everyone.

An excellent ploughman's before we played, along with a fine meal with wine after golf ensured the day was as near perfect as it could be. The whole team looked after us very well throughout the day and it must be said the course was in excellent condition, a very difficult thing to achieve this year with the torrential rain we seem to be experiencing on a regular basis, with very decent greens that ran well and were true, so our thanks to all the green keepers

As is our tradition we always give out a prize for the nearest pins on all the par 3's but a special mention must go to former society Captain Richard Blanchflower for his hole in one on the 8th hole. An extra prize for Richard as he can now choose a bottle of his choice at the next fixture to celebrate the event along with a memento tie from Knebworth golf club. The day was also the second round for the R & A Quaich, played this year over 2 rounds only, so congratulations to John Aldridge from East Herts for his excellent 74 points over the 2 rounds.

In the main competition of the day, playing for the Presidents Prize and The Clive Harkett Claret Jug the field was very close in the minor placings with 3 players on 37 points requiring the dreaded countback on the back 9 which saw, Barry Dutnall from Whipsnade Park in 5th, Kevin Flynn, Letchworth 4th and East Herts David Gaillard in 3rd. Second place went to the man with home advantage Knebworth Captain Sean Burke scoring 39 points but out in front with a very impressive 43 points was Doug Stokoe from Aldwickbury Park, congratulations to Doug and all the participants along with our President for an excellent day.



Hole in one for  
Richard Blanchflower



Knebworth Captain with  
our President



Presidents Day Winner  
Doug Stokoe



Quaich Winner  
John Aldridge

## Four Counties

This year the Four Counties fixture was played at Droitwich, a venue new to us so as is traditional we asked to play the day before so we could see the lie of the land but regrettably they were unable to accommodate us. Undeterred the majority of the team travelled up the day before and played another local course at Gaudet Luce and had an enjoyable round albeit we lost a few balls but it was a great team bonding session that continued with a meal and a few drinks later.

The day of the fixture saw reasonable weather, although we did experience a brief shower and the wind was tricky at times but maybe not as difficult as several of the holes which had severe slopes and local knowledge definitely helped. The greens were true and fair and the course wasn't long, playing 5956 off the back/white tees. Scoring was very good across the teams with the lowest four ball scoring 35 points, whilst ours was 37 points. As a team we managed to score 201 points on an away course with 5 scores to count so a team average of 40.2, sadly it wasn't good enough !

After a fine meal the results were announced which saw Norfolk in fourth place on 192, Hertfordshire third on 201, Buckinghamshire on 203 and the winner on the day and hosts, Worcestershire scoring 206 points. Congratulations to our hosts on a home win and Captain Gary duly did the honor of handing the Trophy over along with pairs trophy that we also held this time to Buckinghamshire to a pair who scored 45 points.

We all had a good day, another fine evening but look forward to hopefully regaining both trophies next year when Norfolk will host the event, we are still waiting to hear the venue as we post this.





## Upcoming Event

September 16th Match v Northamptonshire at Aldwickbury Park



September 25th with Herts Ladies at Mill Green



**It is with great sadness that I have to advise the passing of one  
of our members and his wife**

**Malcolm & Mrs Wickins**

**Of**

**Verulam Golf Club**

**The Funeral will take place at  
Hemel Hempstead Crematorium**

**On**

**Wednesday 28th August at 11.30**

**Our thoughts and prayers are with their families at this difficult  
time**

## **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