



Society of Hertfordshire Golf Captains

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Xmas Fayre

**This years Xmas Fayre is being held at
Aldwickbury Park Golf Club
on**

Monday December 2nd

**Entry has been good to date so if you wish to take
part please contact the Hon Secretary asap before
the entry is full**



Herts Ladies

**The Revised fixture with the Herts Ladies will now be played at
Mill Green Golf Club on
Wednesday 26th March 2025**

Match v Bedfordshire

Another fixture as the season comes to its inevitable end saw 20 members of the society travelling to play for the Pearson Plate at Bedford and County Golf Club. A new venue for many and the team was looking for revenge after a home defeat last season.

Sadly, it was fair to say that the autumnal weather had definitely arrived, we travelled up in drizzle, but we did escape any rain whilst playing and the temperature was fine. The wind did make it an interesting challenge though as did the firm fairways.

So, after another excellent meal our host Captain Dave McGarry and Captain Gary Rees had the honour of the speeches and as we waited in anticipation Gary announced that we had improved from last season but could only manage a 5-5 draw. So, congratulations

to those 5 pairs that won and on Bedfordshire retaining the plate along with

Dave Bowers for a nearest the pin win. Our only consolation is the society doesn't have to pay for the engraving again! Let's hope for better things in 2025 when we look forward to hosting Bedfordshire at Whipsnade Park.



Match v Northamptonshire

We arrived at Aldwickbury Park on a sunny morning for this annual fixture and as the current holders of the Hollingsworth Salver, we had high hopes that the day would go well. Our opponents were playing at course that was unfamiliar to them and when looking through our team many of the members were also unfamiliar with the course and maybe that was a shame as this course does have interesting greens.

After a warm welcome from our Captain the 8 fourballs set off to enjoy the weather and each other's company, new and old friends alike. So, several hours later after a few interesting putts, loads of good humour, banter, and close matches we enjoyed a shower before sampling the evening fayre.

So far, things had gone well, and it was only when the results were collated we found that despite several close matches there were also a few big wins on both sides.

As Captain Gary and President Richard gave their after-dinner speeches it soon became clear that we had managed to loose another home fixture, the second of the season by 5 -3, so we presented the winners with the Salver and look forward to gaining our revenge next year.



Autumn Meeting & Crameri Cup

As the season draws to its inevitable conclusion we arrived at Porters Park to play for the Millennium Cup and host the final of the Crameri Cup, on Wednesday 9th October.

This is a venue we haven't been to for a while so the day was eagerly anticipated by many and thankfully despite the threat of the weather we escaped without too much rain and the course was in great condition following the overnight downpour. Our thanks to the club for allowing buggies out on the course which benefit several members.

So, 56 members enjoyed the hospitality of the club and the 4 players in The Crameri Cup led the field off just before 1pm followed by a shotgun start for the society. For the second year running the home club was represented in the final by Peter Crawford and Russell Samson whilst their opponents were last years winners from East Herts, Iain Mutch and Paul Scott, a great achievement to reach a second final. Well, as was the case last year home advantage was the key with Peter and Russell prevailing 3 & 1, so congratulations to them and Porters Park for their first win in The Crameri Cup.

After an excellent meal the main event for the society proved to be a close affair with 16 pairs scoring 37 points or more and 4 pairs on 40, with the top four scoring 42-44 points. In fourth place saw Philip Nye and Alan Sallis on 42, third went to Keith Taylor and Kevin Flynn on 43 points, then second on countback were Phil Greenwold and Martin Pyrke with an excellent 44 points, 22 on the back 9 but just beaten to first place also on 44 points but with a back 9 of 23 saw Steve Vyse and Colin Eccleshall win the Millennium Cup by the closest of margins. Congratulations to the winners who might just want to defend their win next season.



Crameri Cup Winners



Crameri Cup Runners Up



Autumn Cup Winners

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

Jim Cameron, of Brookman's Park.

**A member known to us all who will be sadly missed. Our
thoughts and prayers are with his family.**

**When I know more regarding the funeral arrangements, I will
ensure it is cascaded out.**

**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