



# Society of Hertfordshire Golf Captains

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## Match v Northants

Another late summers day that was definitely autumnal as we drove north to play Northamptonshire at Kingsthorpe for the honour of winning the Hollingsworth Salver which we managed to lose at home last year! Torrential rain was the story of the morning but thankfully although we had a few squally showers during the afternoon round it was reasonable for the most part and we finished in the dry.

So, after playing on bone hard surfaces for the last few months we encountered some grass, a rarity this season but also a fair amount of water both on the fairways, in the bunkers and on the greens. To be fair it was the same for both teams, but it did make things interesting for all those that played and putting was tricky trying to get the ball to the hole, but we all enjoy a challenge.

As always, the company and banter were excellent and the day was enjoyed by all those who travelled and we sampled a fine meal with our friends new and old after the golf. The majority of the matches were close with several going to the wire on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole which in the end did prove vital and, on this occasion, we managed to persevere and won a tight contest 4 ½ - 3 ½ so we regained the salver following the trend of the last 2 years when the away team has won. President Rod is seen handing over the salver to Nick Brookes in the photos.

Next year we must ensure we break that cycle, buck the trend and hopefully home advantage at Royston will suffice. Congratulations to all those that played and gave the society and Captain Nick a well deserved win. Next up are Bedfordshire at Whipsnade Park, so lets hope for a double and we can regain the Pearson Plate as well



## Match v Bedfordshire

Another week in the life of the society and that can only mean another match. This time it was our turn to host our friends from Bedfordshire in an attempt to regain the Pearson Plate after a halved match last year meant it had been retained by Bedfordshire.

We all arrived at Whipsnade Park to find a course in great condition and after the recent change in the weather there was now some grass on the fairways. The greens looked excellent and that was confirmed once we started our round.

This is always a great venue with the course a very fair challenge for our matches, the hospitality provided is always exemplary and this year it was no different. The course lived up to our expectations and the only blot on an excellent day was the intermittent heavy downpours we experienced throughout the round. Luckily, the thunder and lightning didn't strike us but at times we needed to shelter from the heavy rain before the sun shone again so it could have been a lot worse.

The society thanks go to Doug Root and his wife for hosting a halfway house with cakes, biscuits and drinks which was an added bonus and enjoyed by everyone. After golf we enjoyed a superb carvery and dessert before the Captains Steve Whitney, from Beds playing his final fixture as their Captain before their forthcoming AGM and Nick Brookes announced the result. Well to paraphrase the old adage, when waiting for a bus, they always arrive in pairs and so after a fine way win last week in Northants to regain the Hollingsworth Salver this week, we won at home 6-4 to regain the Pearson Plate.

Congratulations to the team for the win and braving the elements once again this season. Now it's down to Doug Barson to retain another trophy next season, good luck.



### **Match with Herts Lady Captain's**

Our season is rapidly drawing to a close and one of the more enjoyable days is when we play alongside Hertfordshire Lady Golf Captains and this year saw us playing at the home club of Captain Di Tass at East Herts on Monday 15th September. Obviously, in a previous life we have all done something wrong as in 2024 this fixture had to be postponed due to a waterlogged course and heavy rain and this year, we had 50 mph winds to contend with. So, congratulations to all 36 players for surviving the day, battling the elements and hopefully everyone enjoyed the course and company. For once we avoided the dreaded rain that has plagued all golfers after a very warm and dry summer.

East Herts is always a course we enjoy playing and I think this year was no different. The fairways have recovered better than most after the summer and the greens and approaches were in excellent condition, so it was just the wind to blame for our below par scoring.

After a nice meal with the few glasses of wine we found out that at least 2 fourballs managed to master the wind as both the first two places went to teams scoring a level par 72 points, with the best men's and ladies score to count on each hole. As for the nearest the pins, the men's prize was won by local man Alan Thomas on the 15th hole whilst all 16 of the ladies failed to hit the par 3, 2nd hole, so I blame the wind for that one. As regards the main event the result went to countback on the back 9. Scoring 34 points, we had Duncan Mutton & Bob Howell playing alongside Barbara Cooke & Ann Spence, just lost out to the winners with 35 points on the back 9, Jan Cembala & David Biggerstaff alongside Carol Barbour & Sarah Stains. Congratulations to the winners and everyone who played and we now look forward to next years fixture at Knebworth '





# Fixtures 2025

Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Autumn Meeting + Crameri Cup Final	Brickendon Grange	SG13 8PD
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Xmas Fayre	Letchworth	SG6 3NQ

Just 2 events left to sign up for The Autumn Meeting and Crameri Cup Final at Brickenden Grange



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And this year's Christmas Fayre.

