



The Engineering Golfing Society

Northern Meeting 2017

Formby Golf Club – 25 and 26 July 2017

Report and Results

Report

We had another very successful visit to Formby on 25 and 26 July for the Northern Meeting, although the numbers were a bit down from previous years, with 17 EGS members and 2 guests (total 19) attending, compared to 26 members and 2 guests last year (total 28).

This was the 58th visit to Formby, where we have played the Northern meeting every year since 1960.

The 11th annual match against Caldy took place on the Monday afternoon in fine conditions. Three EGS members (who are also members of Caldy) played for Caldy to even the numbers up, resulting in 8 matches. The format was the same as in previous years, played as a four ball better ball. The matches were mostly closely contested (although there were a couple of matches where 'close' was not the correct description), and the result was a win for the Caldy team by 6 ½ matches to 1 ½. All players were very grateful to Charles Westgarth for the refreshments which appeared on the 12th tee – more next year please! The tradition of the losing team paying for the wine was continued, so the Caldy team was grateful to the EGS team for their dinner drinks. Of the eleven matches played so far between the EGS and Caldy, the EGS have won 5, Caldy have won 4, and 2 were halved; although Caldy have won the last 3 encounters, a trend which we will have to change next year,

The North v South match at Formby, with the teams led by the Captain for the South and Norman Schunter (deputising for the vice Captain) for the North was played in fine conditions. This year the match was won by the South by 6 matches to 3, so reversing last year's result. Since 1960, the North have now won 27 matches, the South 21 matches, with 9 matches halved (one no result).

Dinner was held in the clubhouse at Formby, and again the club produced an excellent meal. At the end of the dinner, a presentation was made to Charles Westgarth to celebrate his 90th birthday (yes, this was a year late as he is now 91, but it is the thought that counts!) and his significant contribution to the EGS over many years. Charles confirmed that the plaque would hang in a prominent place in his house at Caldy. The evening putting competition for the "Nick Faldo Glove" took place on the putting green after dinner; this year the competition was won by Norman Schunter. After the putting, the traditional hand snooker competition was won by the North.

On Wednesday morning, we feared that we would get very wet, as the forecast was pretty dire – and so it turned out. Although the rain was not heavy all morning and the wind was a little less than forecast, the rain was fairly consistent during the round, apart from the last few holes, and everyone got duly wet. The rain made the golf pretty difficult, particularly when the ball was in the rough. But otherwise the course was in good condition, and the greens were true, although not that quick due to the recent rain.

Generally, the scores were not particularly high, as the weather took its toll. Chris Davies hit the best round of the day with a score of 30 points to win the Northern Cup (in Division 2), on count back from John Wild who also scored 30 points; Chris Tollitt was third with 27 points. The Atlantic Cup, contested for the third time since the presentation to the Society of this new cup by Ken DeGhetto and Charles Westgarth, was won by Howard Richings with 29 points, one point ahead of Norman Schunter on 28 points; Helen Stone was in third place on 27 points.

The prize for Nearest the Pin on the 16th hole was won by Chris Davies.

The guest prize was won by Richard Miller with a score of 21 points.

A full list of results follows.

Note for diaries – the dates for Formby next year have been provisionally booked for Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th July 2018, with the match against Caldy on Monday 23rd July 2018.

Match v Caldy, Monday 24 July 2017

EGS		Caldy
John Wild (16) & Jonathan Meacher (13)	Caldy	Fred Neillie (19) & John McGarrity (19)
Ian Purser (15) & Chris Tollitt (22)	Halved	Jeff Kozer (11) & Mark Davis (13)
Andy Salmon (6) & Roger Miller (10)	Halved	Chris Carroll (15) & Dave Lewis (18)
Jeff O'Leary (9) & Rick Kirkman (16)	Caldy	Bob Diprose (14) & Derek Jones (18)
Peter Stevenson (9) & Roger North (9)	Halved	John Chapman (17) & Allan Bickerstaffe (12)
Charles Westgarth (24) & Esmond Hitchcock (19)	Caldy	Chris Davies (17) & Ken Briercliffe (24)
Norman Schunter (9) & Howard Richings (12)	Caldy	Bernard Duffy (18) & David Norman (16)
Brian McCartney (20) & Helen Stone (11)	Caldy	Joe Bethell (21) & Richard Shone (23)
RESULT	1½ – 6½	Won by Caldy

North v South, Tuesday 25 July 2017

North	Handicap		South	Handicap
Norman Schunter	9	South	Roger North	9
Chris Tollitt	22	North	Howard Richings	12
Fred Neillie (G)	20	North	Esmond Hitchcock	19
Brian McCartney	20	South	David Pickering	16
Chris Davies	16	North	Andy Salmon	6
John Wild	16	South	Jonathan Meacher	13
Rick Kirkman	16	South	Ian Purser	15
Peter Stevenson	9	South	Richard Miller (G)	10
Gordon Johnston	28	South	Helen Stone	11
Charles Westgarth	24	South	Gordon Johnston	27
RESULT		3 – 6	Won by South	

Matches on Wednesday 26 July 2017

The Northern Cup – 18 hole singles stableford under society handicaps. The winner is the best stableford score on the day, irrespective of division (this year, the winner was from Division 2).

Position	Name	Handicap	Stableford Score
1	Chris Davies	18	30
2	John Wild	16	30
3	Chris Tollitt	22	27
4	Ian Purser	12*	26
5	Brian McCartney	20	24
6	David Pickering	16	24
7	Rick Kirkman	16	23
8	Gordon Johnston	28	21
	Esmond Hitchcock	19	N/R
Winner – Chris Davies			

The Atlantic Cup – An 18 hole singles stableford under society handicaps. The winner is the best individual stableford score from the other division to that of the winner of the Northern Cup (this year Division 1).

Position	Name	Handicap	Stableford Score
1	Howard Richings	12	29
2	Norman Schunter	9	28
3	Helen Stone	16	27
4	Peter Stevenson	9	25
5	Andy Salmon	6	24
6	Roger North	7*	24
7	Jonathan Meacher	13	21
8	Jeff O'Leary	9	19
Winner – Howard Richings			

* Handicaps adjusted in accordance with Society Rule 16 as winner of a Singles Competition in the last year.

** Handicaps adjusted in accordance with Society Rule 16 for age (> 80 plus 1, > 85 plus 2).

Guests

Richard Miller was the only guest to compete on Wednesday, and so won the Guest prize with 21 points.