

The Engineering Golfing Society

Summer Meeting 2023 North Hants Golf Club – 7th June 2023

Report and Results

Report

We had another successful day for the Society's Summer meeting at North Hants on Wednesday 7th June. We were again fortunate to have more good weather for the meeting albeit quite cool until the sun came out. At that point sun cream was definitely needed. There was a stiff breeze throughout the day which made the course even more challenging. This was the 9th time that the Society has played at North Hants. As in previous years, the venue proved to be an excellent choice; we are well looked after when we visit, and the club served up a good lunch with blackberry apple crumble for pudding to provide more ballast for the afternoon round. We missed Bernard, the starter, who had hung up his clipboard for a well deserved retirement.

The course was in great condition as usual with very true greens with a bit of growth which made the putts a bit more manageable. The rough had flourished in the wet weather and any ball off the fairway was not destined to have a good lie. For wildlife watchers, there were plenty of deer and even a fox to take your mind off the golf. Our captain was also observed looking into the water on the 3rd, but I don't think that it was the fish he was trying to find. On one of my visits to the rhododendrons in the morning, I also found his ball which I duly returned to him on the first tee in the afternoon.

The turnout was unfortunately markedly down on last year, with 13 members and 3 guests (total 16) compared with 27 last year. We would welcome any feedback as to whether there is anything that we need to change or whether it was just one of those things where a lot of members had other commitments.

You might have guessed that the scoring was not high for most, but the winners had very good scores given the conditions. Only 3 players of the 16 scored 30 points or more in the morning. The average scores of 25 for Division 1 and 24 for Division 2 were very similar to last year where the course was set up to be tough.

In the morning, Russell Jackson in Division 1 once again won the Denis Lacy-Hulbert Trophy for the best overall stableford score on the day with a score of 33 points, Roger North took 2nd place with 32 points, with Peter Leach in 3rd place on countback with 26 points. Russell broke his collar bone in January, so I thought it was a particularly good effort also given that he had succumbed to Rule 16 with 2 shots deducted from his handicap.

Captain Ian Purser in Division 2 won the Mike Drain Trophy for the best stableford score in the other Division from the overall winner with 29 points; 2nd place in Division 2 was taken by John Wild with 28 points; Dino Nicola was 3rd on 26 points. Ian kept up the short tradition of the captain winning the trophy after Martyn Taylor won it last year.

The best Guest score in the morning was from Graham Smith who scored 30 points.

Nearest the Pin competition on the 8th was won by David Street. In fact, David was the only person to actually be on the green.

In the afternoon, Peter Leach and Norman Schunter won the Timmis Cups by with 32 points. Peter Stevenson and Kerry Scott were in second place with 29 points.

A full list of results follows.

For your dairies, the Summer Meeting in 2024 has been provisionally booked for Wednesday 5th June 2024.

Individual Stableford Competitions

	Denis Lacy-Hulbert Trophy (Division 1)			Mike Drain Trophy (Division 2)		
	Best individual Stableford score			Best individual score from the other division to that of the winner of the Denis Lacy-Hulbert Trophy.		
	Name	Society Handicap	Score	Name	Society Handicap	Score
1	Russell Jackson	8	33	lan Purser	14	29
2	Roger North	15	32	John Wild	14	28
3	Peter Leach	8	26	Dino Nicola	18	26
4	Andy Salmon	7	26	Peter Palthe	18	18
5	David Street	5	24	Gavin Lakey	14	17
6	Peter Stevenson	13	23			
7	Norman Schunter	11	19			
8	Sue Wild	9	16			
	Winner – Russell Jac	kson		Winner – Ian Purser		

Guests

Position	Name	Playing Handicap	Stableford Score
1	Graham Smith	10	30
2	Chris Uren	12	28
3	Kerry Scott	10	24
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Winner – Graham Smith

Timmis Cups (foursomes)

				Handicap	Score
1	Peter Leach	and	Norman Schunter	12	32
2	Peter Stevenson	and	Kerry Scott	13	29
3	David Street	and	Andy Salmon	6	27
4	Gavin Lakey	and	Dino Nicola	19	25
5	Ian Purser	and	Peter Palthe	19	23
6	John Wild	and	Roger North	17	20
7	Russell Jackson	and	Chris Uren	12	19