



The Engineering Golfing Society

Northern Meeting 2023

Wallasey Golf Club – 4th July and Hawkstone Park - 5th July 2023

Report and Results

Report

EGS Members were treated to two new venues this year after we ended our association with Formby. All the feedback so far was that it was a great success and members particularly enjoyed the challenge of Wallasey Golf Club. It was at Wallasey Golf Club that Dr Frank Stableford devised his unique scoring system. He was practising on the 2nd fairway in 1931 when the thought ran through his mind that many players had very little fun when they tore up their score cards after a few holes and he wondered whether anything could be done about it. From the scores on the day, I don't think many EGS members would have had to tear up their cards as 1st to 4th in both divisions finished with 36 points or more.

The days on which North vs South match and the Northern and Atlantic Cups were played were switched so that we could play the main event at Wallasey Golf Club. Wednesday is members' day for most of the clubs on the Wirral and the courses were unavailable.

After a weather forecast a few days out which showed us getting very wet on all three days, our captain maintained his lucky record by conjuring up beautiful weather for all three rounds albeit he cut it fine at Caldy as the storm passed just before the first group was on the tee. The wind was strong at Caldy but more manageable at Wallasey and light at Hawkstone Park.

The numbers were very similar to numbers in previous years, with 25 EGS members and 1 guest (total 26) attending at Wallasey, compared to 25 members and 2 guests in 2022.

The 17th annual match against Caldy took place on the Monday afternoon. Four EGS members (who are also members of Caldy) played for Caldy to even the numbers up, resulting in 8 matches. Many thanks to Chris Davies for organising everything at Caldy GC. The format was the same as in previous years, played as a four ball better ball match. Many of the matches were close and the field enjoyed refreshments and ice cream on the 11th green thanks to Jane Westgarth. It was great to see Charles who was in good form providing players with the line of their putts from the back edge of the green. The result was a win for Caldy by 4 ½ to 3 ½ after a win by EGS last year. Of the seventeen matches played so far the EGS have won 7, Caldy have won 7, and 3 were halved. Therefore, it is all to play for next year.

The Northern Cup (for the best stableford score for all members) was won by Dino Nicola in Division 2 with an excellent score of 40 points on countback from the Division 1 winner. Robert Hudson was second on countback with a good 37 points, with Jonathan Meacher in third also with 37 points.



In Division 1, the stableford scores were also at a good standard. The Atlantic Cup, contested for the eighth time since the presentation to the Society of this new cup by Ken DeGhetto and Charles Westgarth, was won by Simon Westgarth with a superb 40 points. Simon shot a gross 70 (2 under par) with a back 9 of 3 under par. Peter Leach was in second place with a good 37 points on countback and Neil Farmer in third place also on 37 points. Nearest the Pin on the signature 12th hole was won by Simon Westgarth.

The only guest on the day was Betty Stewart who scored 30 points. Dinner was held in the clubhouse at Wallasey, and the club produced an excellent meal and we were well looked after.



The evening putting competition for the glow in the dark "Nick Faldo Glove" took place on the putting green after dinner; this year the competition was won by Neil Farmer who, as a relatively new member, didn't realise what he would be taking home with him.

The North v South match, with the teams led by the Captain for the South and the vice captain for the North, was played at another new venue – the Championship Course at Hawkstone Park. There are two courses at Hawkstone Park and the older course will be tried next year. The singles matches had to be played in a 4 ball and given that this is usually a warm up match for the main event, the format will be discussed for next year. This year the match was won again by the South by 7 to 5. Since 1960, the North have now won 28 matches, the South 25 matches, with 9 matches halved (two no result) so maybe we need to keep going for a few more years so that the South can draw even.

Provisional dates have been booked for next year for members to put in their diaries. Caldy GC – 15th July; Wallasey GC – 16th July; Hawkstone Park GC Hawkstone course – 17th July. A full list of results for this year follows.

Match v Caldy, Monday 3rd July 2023

EGS		Caldy
Ian Purser (17) & Rick Kirkman (18)	Caldy 2 and 1	Peter Crutchley (23) & Jon Meacher (18) (B)
David Street (5) & Mitch Bilderbeck (10)	Caldy 3 and 2	Ian Widdowson (6) & Ray McClarty (17)
Peter Stevenson (14) & Neil Farmer (14)	EGS 1 Up	Paul Fleming (14) & Betty Stewart (22)
Stephen Dermody (12) & Andy Salmon (7)	EGS 1 Up	John Stewart (11) & Julie Hayman (18)
Dino Nicola (20) & Roy Boulder (28)	Halved	Chris Davies (22) & Carole Farrington (33)
Esmond Hitchcock (21) & Robert Hudson (23)	Caldy 7 and 6	Chris Carroll (22) & Barbara Lewis (33)
John Foulsham (17) & John Wild (18)	EGS 7 and 6	Mike Hayman (15) & Jane Westgarth (22)
Jon Clackett (14) & Sue Wild (14)	Caldy 3 and 2	Dave Lewis (19) & Mel Mardon (16)
RESULT	4 ½ - 3 ½	Won by Caldy

Tuesday 4th July 2023 - 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	Society Handicap	Stableford Score
1	Dino Nicola	21	40
2	Robert Hudson	25	37
3	Jonathan Meacher	20	37
4	Helen Stone	20	37
5	Martyn Taylor	18	34
6	Chris Davies	22	34
7	Brian McCartney	25	32
8	Ian Purser	13	31
9	David Lewis	19	31
10	John Wild	16	29
11	Roy Bowdler	29	25
12	Rick Kirkman	19	22
13	Esmond Hitchcock	22	NR
Winner – Dino Nicola			

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

Position	Name	Society Handicap	Stableford Score
1	Simon Westgarth	2	40
2	Peter Leach	10	37
3	Neil Farmer	15	37
4	Peter Stevenson	15	36
5	David Street	5	34
6	Andy Salmon	7	34
7	John Stewart	11	33
8	Mitch Bilderbeck	8	32
9	John Foulsham	18	32
10	Sue Wild	11	30
11	Stephen Dermody	11	26
12	Jon Clackett	14	23
Winner – Simon Westgarth			

Guests

Position	Name	Playing Handicap	Stableford Score
1	Betty Stewart	22	30
Winner – Betty Stewart			

North v South, Wednesday 5th July 2023

South	Handicap		North	Handicap
Ian Purser (capt)	18	North 4 and 3	Dino Nicola (capt)	21
Andy Salmon	7	Halved	John Stewart	12
Sue Wild	15	South 4 and 2	Betty Stewart	24
Michael Brockbank	6	South 4 and 2	Roy Bowdler	30
Martyn Taylor	18	North 6 and 5	Chris Davies	22
Stephen Dermody	12	South 1Up	Simon Westgarth	2
Helen Stone	21	South 5 and 3	John Wild	20
Robert Hudson	25	Halved	David Lewis	20
David Street	5	North 5 and 3	Peter Stevenson	16
Jon Clackett	15	South 6 and 4	Rick Kirkman	19
Mitch Bilderbeck	11	North 5 and 3	Peter Leach	12
John Foulsham	18	South 2 Up	Jonathan Meacher	19
RESULT		7 - 5	Won by South	