



# The Engineering Golfing Society

## Autumn Meeting 2023

### Woking Golf Club – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Report and Results

#### Report

The Autumn meeting of the Society was held at Woking Golf Club on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023. This was the Society's 75<sup>th</sup> Autumn or Spring meeting at Woking (this figure excludes the recent pre-Christmas visits); and the Society first visited Woking in 1909, 113 years ago. We have played there every year since 1956, for some 68 consecutive years.

We had a good turnout for the day, with a total of 27 golfers in the morning and 20 in the afternoon for the foursomes. Of the 27, 3 were guests. Last year, we had 28 members and 4 guests. The numbers would have been slightly higher if it wasn't for the lurgy getting the best of Peter Leach and Chris Uren's guest Neil Ingram. Thanks to Peter who dragged himself out of bed to deliver the trophies he won last year. We hope they both get well soon. A number of other members were not able to make the day due to various injuries and we hope that they all recover soon.

The course was, as ever, in very good condition and the wet summer turned the fairways into a green cushion made even better by the volunteers who, on the day, were filling the divots with green sand, soil and seed. The greens were again very true and in excellent condition. The greenkeeper had been a little kinder this year with the pin positions although there were a few holes where the pin position was challenging wherever the pin was placed on the green. As on most courses this year, the weather had been good for the growth and flowering of the heather, which was visited many times by members during the day.

Again, our captain had ordered superb weather and the conditions could not have been better with warm sun and a light breeze throughout the day.

The day went very well and everyone enjoyed another superb lunch which made getting going again in the afternoon a little difficult. The Hele-Shaw Challenge Cup for the best gross score was won again by Simon Westgarth with a superb round of level par 70 followed by Andy Salmon in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 75 and David Street in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 82. Simon's 70 followed his 2 under par score at Wallasey earlier in the summer and our captain noted at the trophy presentation that this was the 9<sup>th</sup> time in 10 years that Simon had won the Hele-Shaw Challenge Cup with only Peter Leach breaking the run in 2017 (Simon must have been on holiday!). Andy Salmon won the F J Walker Challenge Cup for the best stableford score in Division 1 with 39 points with Simon Westgarth in second place with 36 points ahead of Jeff O'Leary in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 31 points.

In Division 2, the P J Brown Challenge Cup for the best stableford score was won by Dino Nicola with 32 points, ahead of captain, Ian Purser on 30 points, with Chris Davies third on 29 points. Vice captain Dino can now look forward to his year as captain with a 5 point deduction from his handicap (this being his second trophy win of the year) which I am sure will help him focus on doing an excellent job as captain rather than worrying about winning anything.

The Walter Hughes Aggregate Bowl for the combined stableford score from this year's scores at Hunstanton and Woking was won by Andy Salmon with an aggregate total of 69 points (30 at Hunstanton and 39 at Woking) with Gavin Lakey in second place with 65 points (41 at Hunstanton and 24 at Woking) and Jeff O'Leary in third on 63 points (32 at Hunstanton and 31 at Woking).

The James Braid Trophy for the best stableford score plus half age was won by Dino Nicola with a score of 70.53, followed by Andy Salmon on 68.86 and Howard Richings on 67.29.

As members cannot win more than one ball prize for the same round of golf, the balls were shared out to the third or fourth places.

The Guest competition was won by David Cameron with 25 points; Richard Green was 2<sup>nd</sup> on countback with 22 points.

In the afternoon, the foursomes competition for the Hadfield Challenge Cups was won with 34 points by Jon Clackett and Simon Westgarth who were 2 points clear of Andy Salmon and David Cameron (Guest) in second place with 32 points, with John Wild and Howard Richings in third place with 31 points.

Provisional announcements of the Annual Cups were made:

- For consistency of the best three stableford scores from the four meetings, Andy Salmon has won the Millennium Trophy with a score of 103 points (last year's winning score was 101); Dino Nicola in second place with 100 points and David Street in third place with 97 points.
- The Colin McKee Trophy for the best stableford score from the North Hants and Hunstanton meetings, combined with the best stableford score from the Wallasey and Woking meetings in Division 1 was won by Andy Salmon with a score of 69 (last year's winning score was 66); David Street was second with 68 points, and Peter Leach was third on 66 points.
- The R&A Trophy for the same combination of scores in Division 2 was won by Helen Stone with a score of 71 (last year's winning score was 72); Dino Nicola was second with 68, and Robert Hudson was third with 66 points.

These trophies will be presented at the AGM in March 2024.

Our next meeting will be the pre-Xmas event at Woking on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

A full list of results for the trophy winners at Woking follows:

### Hele-Shaw Challenge Cup – Lowest Gross score

### FJ Walker Challenge Cup – Best Stableford score (Division 1 – Handicap Index 14.9 and under)

Name	Society Handicap	Hele-Shaw Cup		FJ Walker Challenge Cup	
		Gross Score	Position	Stableford Score	Position
Andy Salmon	8	75	2	39	1
Simon Westgarth	0 *	70	1	36	2
Jeff O'Leary	9	85	4	31	3
Howard Richings	12	88	5	30	4
David Street	5	82	3	29	5
Neil Farmer	13	NR		28	6
Chris Uren	13	NR		26	7
Stuart Ryle	14	NR		24	8
Russell Jackson	7 *	92	8	24	9
Jon Clackett	13	NR		17	10
Sue Wild	8 *	NR		16	11
<b>Winner, Hele-Shaw Challenge Cup – Simon Westgarth</b>					
<b>Winner, FJ Walker Challenge Cup – Andy Salmon</b>					

**PJ Brown Challenge Cup – Best Stableford score (Division 2 – Handicap Index 15.0 and over)**

Name	Society Handicap	Hele-Shaw Cup		PJ Brown Challenge Cup	
		Gross Score	Position	Stableford Score	Position
Dino Nicola	16 *	90	7	32	1
Ian Purser	14 *	90	6	30	2
Chris Davies	20	NR		29	3
Richard Jeffcoate	20	NR		27	4
Richard Axell	21	NR		27	5
Gavin Lakey	13 *	95	9	24	6
Tony Sales	24	NR		24	7
Ian Herrington	22 **	NR		24	8
Alan Senior	19	NR		23	9
Eric Colburn	18	NR		22	10
John Wild	14 *	NR		21	11
Helen Stone	16	NR		21	12
Brian McCartney	22 **	NR		18	13
<b>Winner, PJ Brown Challenge Cup – Dino Nicola</b>					

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

\*\* Handicaps adjusted in accordance with Society Rule 16 for age (> 80 plus 1, > 85 plus 2, > 90 plus 3).

**Hadfield Challenge Cups – Foursomes Stableford**

Position	Name	Playing Handicap	Stableford Score
1	Jon Clackett & Simon Westgarth	8	34
2	Andy Salmon & David Cameron	7	32
3	John Wild & Howard Richings	16	31
4	Ian Purser & David Street	12	29
5	Chris Uren & Dino Nicola	14	29
6	Russell Jackson & Richard Green	17	29
7	Neil Farmer and Jeff O'Leary	12	27
8	Chris Davies & Sue Wild	17	26
9	Richard Axell & Gavin Lakey	20	23
10	Richard Jeffcoate & Jim May	21	19
<b>Winners, Hadfield Challenge Cups – Jon Clackett &amp; Simon Westgarth</b>			

**Walter Hughes Aggregate Bowl – Best aggregate Stableford score from Hunstanton 2023 and Woking 2023**

Position	Name	Woking 2023	Hunstanton 2023	Total
1	Andy Salmon	39	30	69
2	Gavin Lakey	24	41	65
3	Jeff O'Leary	31	32	63
4	David Street	29	34	63
5	Dino Nicola	32	28	60
6	Ian Purser	30	29	59
7	Richard Axell	27	28	55
8	Ian Herrington	24	31	55
9	Helen Stone	21	34	55
10	Howard Richings	30	22	52
11	Sue Wild	16	35	51
12	Tony Sales	24	23	47
13	Jon Clackett	17	29	46
14	Eric Colburn	22	22	44
15	John Wild	21	22	43
16	Brian McCartney	18	21	39

*Other players at Woking did not play at Hunstanton 2023.*

*Joint positions determined by Woking score.*

**James Braid Trophy – Best Stableford score plus half age**

Position	Name	Stableford Score	Half Age	Stableford + Half Age
1	Dino Nicola	32	38.53	70.53
2	Andy Salmon	39	29.86	68.86
3	Howard Richings	30	37.29	67.29
4	Chris Davies	29	38.28	67.28
5	Ian Herrington	24	42.82	66.82
6	Ian Purser	30	36.26	66.26
7	Simon Westgarth	36	29.46	65.46
8	Jeff O'Leary	31	34.27	65.27

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9	Richard Jeffcoate	27	37.81	64.81
10	Alan Senior	23	39.97	62.97
11	David Street	29	31.98	60.98
12	Brian McCartney	18	42.68	60.68
13	Neil Farmer	28	32.51	60.51
14	Eric Colburn	22	38.33	60.33
15	Stuart Ryle	24	35.96	59.96
16	John Wild	21	37.07	58.07
17	Helen Stone	21	36.77	57.77
18	Tony Sales	24	30.40	54.40
19	Jon Clackett	17	36.02	53.02
20	Chris Uren	26	26.46	52.46
21	Sue Wild	16	36.25	52.25
22	Russell Jackson	24	25.92	49.92
23	Richard Axell	27	19.66	46.66
24	Gavin Lakey	24	20.59	44.59
<b>Winner, James Braid Trophy – Dino Nicola</b>				

**Guests**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Playing Handicap</b>	<b>Stableford Score</b>
1	David Cameron	6	25
2	Richard Green	23	22
3	Jim May	19	22