



The Engineering Golfing Society

Northern Meeting 2024

Wallasey Golf Club – 16th July and Hawkstone Park - 17th July 2024

Report and Results

Report

EGS Members were again treated to two new venues this year – Wallasey and Hawkstone Park. However, this year we played on the older course at Hawkstone Park and the consensus was that it was a better course to play. It was at Wallasey Golf Club that Dr Frank Stableford devised his unique scoring system.



The format of the North vs South match was changed to a 4 ball better ball based on feedback from last year.

We were lucky with the weather again. A stiff breeze at Caldy eventually brought in a heavier shower for the late starters but generally the afternoon was dry. The breeze turned into more of a wind at Wallasey which made the course a little more challenging than last year. At Hawkstone Park, the conditions were perfect with warm sunshine and a light breeze.

The numbers were down on previous years, with 20 EGS members and no guests attending at Wallasey, compared to 25 members and 1 guest in 2023.

The 18th annual match against Caldy took place on the Monday afternoon. Caldy were able to put out a full strong team this year and it was a privilege to have Jayne Westgarth playing for EGS. Jayne shared many happy memories of Charles during the round and in the evening. The tradition of refreshments at the hut outside Charles' house was maintained, this time with president, Brian McCartney handing out the Pimms and ice creams. Brian was unable to play because of a knuckle problem and we hope he gets back on the course soon. 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. The Caldy team continued their winning run with a convincing victory over EGS. The result was 6 to 1 after a closer match last year. Of the eighteen matches played so far the EGS have won 7, Caldy have won 8, and 3 were halved.



At Wallasey, the Northern Cup (for the best stableford score for all members) was won by Andy Salmon in Division 1 with a score of 36 points. Stephen Dermody was second on with 35 points, with Peter Stevenson in third with 33 points.

In Division 2, the stableford scores were also at a good standard. The Atlantic Cup, contested for the ninth time since the presentation to the Society of this new cup by Ken

DeGhetto and Charles Westgarth, was won by Betty Stewart with 35 points. Ian Purser was in second place with 33 points and David Lewis in third place with 30 points. Nearest the Pin on the signature 12th hole was won by Peter Stevenson.

Despite the strong wind, scores were again generally good with 8 members scoring over 30 points.

Dinner was held in the clubhouse at Wallasey, and the club produced an excellent meal and we were well looked after again.



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 Andy Salmon. Ian Purser refereed the final and there were some strange "off the green" tee positions selected. Unfortunately, members hadn't brought along their wedges.

At the captain's after dinner speech, Dino was at pains to point out that his family originated from Cyprus and not Italy as his name implies. He was in fact christened Constantinos. The Honorary Secretary happened to bump into the captain at Warwick Park services on the way home. Dino explained that he had got stuck in traffic and wanted to get home to pack for his trip to Verona in Italy the next day! He explained that he was a great fan of opera and was going to see his favourite La bohème and was looking forward to eating the pasta and pizza. So I don't think that members are fully convinced.

The North v South match, with the teams led by the Captain for the South and the Peter Leach for the North, was played at the older Hawkstone Course at Hawkstone Park. The matches were played as a 4 ball better ball. This year the match was won again by the South by 4 to 1. Peter halved his match playing on his own and seemed a bit miffed at the rest of his team not performing. £10 was duly collected from the losing team. Since 1960, the North have now won 28 matches, the South 26 matches, with 9 matches halved (two no result) so the South team are gradually catching up after their win last year.

Provisional dates have been booked for next year for members to put in their diaries. Caldycote GC – 14th July; Wallasey GC – 15th July; Hawkstone Park GC Hawkstone course (below)– 16th July. A full list of results for this year follows.



Match v Caldly, Monday 15th July 2024

| EGS | | Caldly |
|--|---------------------------|--|
| Dino Nicola (22) and Rick Kirkman (22) | Caldly 2 Up | Stephanie Singleton (30) and Dave Lewis (21) |
| Jon Clackett (16) and Stephen Dermody (12) | Caldly 5 and 4 | Mike Hayman (19) and Chris Davies (21) |
| Andy Salmon (9) and Jayne Westgarth (22) | Caldly 6 and 5 | John Stewart (12) and Julie Hayman (19) |
| Ian Purser (19) and John Wild (18) | Caldly 3 and 1 | Derek Jones (21) and Ian Speirs (15) |
| Sue Wild (12) and John Foulsham (13) | Caldly 2 Up | Jon Meacher (17) and Betty Stewart (22) |
| Mitch Bilderbeck (11) and Howard Richings (13) | Caldly 2 and 1 | Ken Gibson (11) and John Curry (28) |
| Roy Bowdler (29) and Peter Stevenson (15) | EGS 2 and 1 | Bob Diprose (30) and Barbara Lewis (36) |
| RESULT | 6 - 1 | Won by Caldly |

Tuesday 16th July 2024 - 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 1).

| Position | Name | Society Handicap | Stableford Score |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Andy Salmon | 8 | 36 |
| 2 | Stephen Dermody | 12 | 35 |
| 3 | Peter Stevenson | 17 | 33 |
| 4 | Mitch Bilderbeck | 12 | 32 |
| 5 | John Foulsham | 14 | 31 |
| 6 | Peter Leach | 8 | 27 |
| 7 | John Stewart | 13 | 26 |
| 8 | Howard Richings | 14 | 23 |
| 9 | Sue Wild | 11 | NR |
| Winner – Andy Salmon | | | |

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 2).

| Position | Name | Society Handicap | Stableford Score |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Betty Stewart | 23 | 35 |
| 2 | Ian Purser | 21 | 33 |
| 3 | David Lewis | 23 | 30 |
| 4 | Jon Clackett | 17 | 29 (14) |
| 5 | Dino Nicola | 17 | 29 (11) |
| 6 | Jonathan Meacher | 20 | 29 (10) |
| 7 | Chris Davies | 19 | 27 |
| 8 | Bob Diprose | 32 | 25 |
| 9 | John Wild | 19 | 24 |
| 10 | Rick Kirkman | 23 | 16 |
| 11 | Roy Bowdler | 31 | 12 |
| Winner – Betty Stewart | | | |

North v South, Wednesday 17th July 2024

| South | | North |
|---|--------------------------|--|
| Dino Nicola (19) and Jon Clackett (14) | Halved | Peter Leach (8) |
| Andy Salmon (7) and Mitch Bilderbeck (9) | Halved | Jonathan Meacher (15) and John Wild (16) |
| Stephen Dermody (10) and Ian Purser (17) | South 4 and 2 | John Stewart (10) and David Lewis (19) |
| Betty Stewart (21) and John Foulsham (11) | South 4 and 3 | Chris Davies (18) and Rick Kirkman (20) |
| Peter Stevenson (13) and Howard Richings (11) | South 2 Up | Roy Bowdler (26) and Michael Brockbank (4) |
| RESULT | 4 - 1 | Won by South |