



The Engineering Golfing Society

Spring Meeting 2025

Hunstanton Golf Club – 20th and 21st May 2025

Report and Results

Report

The Spring Meeting of the Society was held at Hunstanton on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st May 2025. This was the 70th consecutive visit to Hunstanton, going back to 1956. Before that, the EGS was at Hunstanton in 1933, 1935, and 1947 – 1954, so this was our 80th visit to Hunstanton.

The very dry spell of weather continued throughout the meeting although it was a bit overcast on Wednesday. However, there was a more than brisk northerly wind which blew throughout and shifted slightly on Wednesday. This was the opposite to the prevailing wind and therefore made some of the front nine holes very challenging and was also strong enough to make it difficult to judge the downwind shots. Overall captain Jon Clackett came away with a clean sheet with respect to any rain again.

This year, 29 members were joined by 4 guests on Tuesday and Wednesday and we were privileged that Simon Flint the Hunstanton club captain joined us on Tuesday, giving a total of 34 players on Tuesday and 33 on Wednesday. The good turn out was the same as last year.

The course, like many others, had had very little rain and we could have been playing it at the end of the summer given the parched fairways and light rough. The greens were true albeit slightly slower because the greenkeepers had not cut them tight due to the dry weather. However, overall, the course was presented very well and it was a pleasure to play as always. The club did not provide us with the buggies that they promised and this meant that some members did not finish their round on Tuesday which was a great shame.

There were some good scores in both Divisions but this was balanced out by some not so good scores but the average was slightly higher than last year.



In Division 1, Chris Uren shot an excellent round of 79 to win the Hopewell Challenge Cup for the best gross score; Stephen Dermody scored 83 to come second, with Andy Salmon third on 87. Chris Uren also won the President's Challenge Cup for the best stableford score in Division 1 with an excellent score of 41 points; Stephen Dermody was in second place with 36 points; Peter Stevenson was in third with 32 points.



In Division 2, Howard Richings won the Roy Withers Trophy for the best gross score with a round of 88; Dino Nicola was second with 95 and Helen Stone was third with a score of 99. Howard Riching's score was also good enough to win the Wilson Challenge Cup for the best stableford score in this division with 35 points. Gavin Lakey was second with 33 points, and Dino Nicola was third with 31 points.

Chris Uren and Howard Richings also won the captain's Prizes of a voucher from the pros shop for winning the stableford competitions in their respective divisions.

Chris's score at Hunstanton of 41, combined with his score of 28 at Woking last year, won him the Myddleton Memorial Trophy (for

the best aggregate score from Hunstanton this year plus the previous year's score at Woking) with a combined total of 69, with Howard Richings second with 65 points and Stephen Dermody third with 64 points.



Peter Stevenson won the Midgley Trophy (which is kept on display in the Hunstanton bar) for the best stableford score plus half age with a score of 74.24. Howard Richings was second with 73.13 and Ian Herrington in third with 71.66.

Matthew Herring won the Guest competition with a score of 31 points on countback with John Uren in second also with 31.

The food throughout was excellent as ever, and we were very well looked after by the catering staff and we once again rewarded them with a gratuity.

We were delighted to be joined for the evening meal by Simon Flint the Hunstanton captain. Simon congratulated the Society on their 70th consecutive visit and updated us with some of the plans for improving the course over the

next 5 years. This includes reducing the height of the 6th and 17th greens as they were starting to settle and reconfiguring some holes in the centre of the course and in particular the blind 14th. All this work has yet to be agreed by the members. The EGS captain, as per tradition, provided the members with port which was (mostly) passed clockwise around the table in the decanter which is kept at Hunstanton.

The auction almost seemed to be well organised by someone who had read (and understood) the rules. Our thanks to auctioneer, Ian Purser, and in particular Howard and Jane Richings for making it run very smoothly. The ball sweep ran smoothly thanks to vice captain, Helen Stone and the Honorary Secretary was particularly pleased with the outcome.

On Friday, the competition for the Hunter Twiss Cups was well contested as usual, with a close finish and good scores at the top, but slightly lower than last year given the difficulty of the wind. Ian Purser retained the trophy, this time with a new partner, John Foulsham with 67 points, with John Stewart and Richard Scott second with 64 points on countback and Stephen Dermody and Chris Davies third also on 64 points.



The dates for 2026 have been provisionally booked as 12th and 13th May but this has yet to be confirmed by the club. The good news is that over the past year, we have confirmed our attendance for a Tuesday and Wednesday and agreed a 3 year price deal with the club. This is a big step forward given where we were this time last year and our thanks go to Norman Schunter who has been instrumental in these negotiations. Therefore we are delighted that we can continue our visits to Hunstanton and maintain all the traditions that have built up over the years.

A full list of **Results** follows.

Hopewell Cup – Lowest Gross score (Division 1 – Handicap Index 14.9 and under)

President's Challenge Cup – Best Stableford score (Division 1 – Handicap Index 14.9 and under)

Name	Society H/Cap	Hopewell Cup		Presidents Challenge Cup	
		Gross	Position	Stableford	Position
Chris Uren	12	79	1	41	1
Stephen Dermody	11	83	2	36	2
Peter Stevenson	15	91	5	32	3
Andy Salmon	8	87	3	30 (18)	4
Peter Leach	7	NR	8	30 (17)	5
Justin Swain	10	90	4	29	6
Sue Wild	13	NR	8	28 (15)	7
John Stewart	12	95	7	28 (14)	8
Norman Schunter	13	NR	8	27	9
John Foulsham	11	93	6	26 (17)	10
David Street	6	NR	8	26 (13)	11
Peter French	11	NR	8	25	12

Roy Withers Trophy – Lowest Gross score (Division 2 – Handicap Index 15.0 and over)

Wilson Challenge Cup – Best Stableford score (Division 2 – Handicap Index 15.0 and over)

Name	Society H/Cap	Roy Withers Trophy		Wilson Challenge Cup	
		Gross	Position	Stableford	Position
Howard Richings	15	88	1	35	1
Gavin Lakey	20	NR	8	33	2
Dino Nicola	18	95	2	31	3
Richard Scott	20	112	5	30	4
Ian Purser	19	NR	8	29 (17)	5
Helen Stone	20	99	3	29 (15)	6
Betty Stewart	14	113	6	28 (15)	7
John Wild	21	NR	8	28 (15)	8
Ian Herrington	22	103	4	28 (12)	9
Roy Bowdler	28	123	7	27	10
Brian McCartney	26	NR	8	25 (16)	11
Jon Clackett	16	NR	8	25 (10)	12
Richard Fletcher	16	NR	8	23	13

Peter Palthe	19	NR	8	21	14
Eric Colburn	22	NR	8	20	15
Chris Davies	18	NR	8	18	16
Richard Axell	17	NR	8	15	17

Hunter Twiss Cups – Best combined drawn pairs, combined individual Stableford scores

Position	Name	Stableford Score	Name	Stableford Score	Combined Score
1	John Foulsham	36	Ian Purser	31	67
2	John Stewart	28	Richard Scott	36	64 (33)
3	Stephen Dermody	36	Chris Davies	28	64
4	Peter French	32	Matt Saunders (G)	30	62
5	Chris Uren	37	John Uren (G)	24	61
6	Andrew Harvey (G)	30	Richard Fletcher	29	59
7	Sue Wild	33	Andy Salmon	25	58
8	Peter Stevenson	34	Dino Nicola	23	57
9	Jon Clackett	31	Eric Colburn	23	54 (34)
10	Norman Schunter	30	John Wild	24	54 (31)
11	David Street	21	Helen Stone	33	54 (28)
12	Justin Swain	28	Gavin Lakey	25	53
13	Leslie Tonks (G)	30	Roy Bowdler	22	52
14	Peter Leach	32	Richard Axell	19	51
15	Howard Richings	27	Betty Stewart	22	49
16	Peter Palthe	20	Brian McCartney	26	46

Myddleton Memorial Trophy – Best aggregate Stableford score from Woking 2023 and Hunstanton 2024

Position	Name	Woking 2024	Hunstanton 2025	Total
1	Chris Uren	28	41	69
2	Howard Richings	30	35	65
3	Stephen Dermody	28	36	64
4	Peter Leach	31	30	61
5	Andy Salmon	30	30	60

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6	Justin Swain	31	29	60
7	John Foulsham	32	26	58
8	John Wild	29	28	57
9	Dino Nicola	25	31	56
10	Norman Schunter	28	27	55
11	Ian Purser	25	29	54
12	Jon Clackett	27	25	52
13	Helen Stone	22	29	51
14	Peter French	23	25	48
15	David Street	21	26	47
16	Chris Davies	18	18	36

Midgley Trophy – Best Stableford score plus half age

Position	Name	Stableford Score	Half Age	Stableford + Half Age
1	Peter Stevenson	32	42.24	74.24
2	Howard Richings	35	38.13	73.13
3	Ian Herrington	28	43.66	71.66
4	Dino Nicola	31	39.37	70.37
5	Stephen Dermody	36	32.84	68.84
6	Peter Leach	30	38.58	68.58
7	Brian McCartney	25	43.52	68.52
8	Chris Uren	41	27.30	68.30
9	Norman Schunter	27	39.73	66.73
10	Helen Stone	29	37.61	66.61
11	Ian Purser	29	37.10	66.10
12	John Wild	28	37.91	65.91
13	Sue Wild	28	37.09	65.09
14	Richard Scott	30	32.81	62.81
15	Jon Clackett	25	36.86	61.86
16	John Stewart	28	33.62	61.62
17	Betty Stewart	28	33.08	61.08
18	Andy Salmon	30	30.70	60.70
19	Roy Bowdler	27	32.67	59.67
20	Eric Colburn	20	39.17	59.17

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21	John Foulsham	26	33.02	59.02
22	David Street	26	32.82	58.82
23	Peter Palthe	21	37.56	58.56
24	Peter French	25	33.11	58.11
25	Chris Davies	18	39.12	57.12
26	Richard Fletcher	23	33.71	56.71
27	Justin Swain	29	27.59	56.59
28	Gavin Lakey	33	21.43	54.43
29	Richard Axell	15	20.51	35.51

Guests

Position	Name	Handicap	Score
1	Simon Flint	6	35
2	Matthew Herring	15	31 (18)
3	John Uren	12	31 (17)
4	Leslie Tonks	17	29
5	Andrew Harvey	11	27