



The Engineering Golfing Society

Autumn Meeting 2025

Woking Golf Club – 16th September 2025

Report and Results

Report

The Autumn meeting of the Society was held at Woking Golf Club on Wednesday 16th September 2025. This was the Society's 77th 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. This year the Society celebrated 70 consecutive years.

We had a good turnout for the day, with a total of 29 golfers in the morning and 26 in the afternoon for the foursomes. Of the 29, 5 were guests. Last year, we had 26 members and 3 guests. It was also pleasing to see some new Members making their debut and for some of the guests to decide to apply for membership. Hopefully this means that some of the initiatives to recruit new Members is starting to bear fruit and the committee encourage everyone to keep promoting the Society wherever possible.

Given the very dry summer, the course was still in excellent condition, helped by the recent welcome rain. However, it was good news that on the day that the rain chose to stay away and although there was a fairly strong wind at times, it was warm enough for some Members to keep their summer shorts on for the day. The greens were again very true and in excellent condition. It is now becoming a habit for the greenkeeper to put the pins in some difficult positions and this year he chose back right on most greens which in addition to being close to the edges, meant the course was playing slightly longer.



Flags were a hot topic at this meeting. Our captain, first of all, forgot to bring the large flag. Then our second flag was brought down from Caldy where it had been left behind by guess who..... The Honorary Secretary was then contacted on the Wednesday by Woking GC to say that their flag had been stolen overnight. Of course, this accusation was strongly rebutted but they were insistent that it was checked. How embarrassing it was to find that one of our Members had in fact taken it down and took it home. No names mentioned but they do say flag misdemeanours come in threes!

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 good round of 76, despite an 8 on the ninth. Andy Salmon was second with 81 (also an 8 on the ninth) and Chris Uren third with 86. This was the 11th time in 12 years that Simon had won the Hele-Shaw Challenge Cup (with only Peter Leach breaking the run in 2017). Andy Salmon won the F J Walker Challenge Cup for the best stableford score in Division 1 with 35 points with Simon Westgarth in second place with 31 points on countback ahead of Chris Uren in 3rd place.

In Division 2, the P J Brown Challenge Cup for the best stableford score was won by Tony Bethell with 34 points, ahead of Richard Scott on 32 points, with Richard Axell third on 27 points.





The Walter Hughes Aggregate Bowl for the combined stableford score from this year's scores at Hunstanton and Woking was comfortably won by Chris Uren with an aggregate total of 72 points (41 at Hunstanton and 31 at Woking) with Andy Salmon in second place with 65 points (30 at Hunstanton and 35 at Woking) and Richard Scott in third on 62 points (30 at Hunstanton and 32 at Woking).

The James Braid Trophy for the best stableford score plus half age was won by Tony Bethell with a score of 67.92, followed by Andy Salmon on 65.86 and Richard Scott on 64.87.

The Guest competition was won by Simon Etherington-Smith with 29 points.

In the afternoon, the foursomes competition for the Hadfield Challenge Cups was won with 30 points by Mark Southwell and Mitch Bilderbeck ahead of Andy Salmon and Andy Needham (Guest) in second place with 29 points on countback, with Neil Farmer and David Street in third place.

At the presentation, the Society welcomed two new members, Tony Bethell and Ivor who received a tie and a sleeve of Society balls and will receive a copy of the Centenary book when the Honorary Secretary receives the remaining stock.



Provisional announcements of the Annual Cups were made:

- For consistency of the best three stableford scores from the four meetings, Chris Uren has won the Millennium Trophy with a score of 101 points (last year's winning score was 100); Howard Richings in second place with 92 points and Andy Salmon in third place with 90 points on countback.
- 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 also won by Chris Uren with a score of 72 (last year's winning score was 69); Stephen Dermody was second also with 66 points, and John Stewart was third with 65 points on countback.
- The R&A Trophy for the same combination of scores in Division 2 was won by captain Jon Clackett with a score of 65 (last year's winning score was 62); Tony Bethell was second with 64, and Helen Stone was third with 61 points.

These trophies will be presented at the AGM in March 2026.



Our next meeting will be the pre-Xmas event at Woking on Tuesday 2nd December and the Autumn meeting in 2026 has been booked for Tuesday 15th September.

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

* 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).

Hele-Shaw Challenge Cup – Lowest Gross score

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

Name		Hele-Shaw Cup		FJ Walker Challenge Cup	
	Society Handicap	Gross Score	Position	Stableford Score	Position
Andy Salmon	8	81	2	35	1
Simon Westgarth	(1) *	76	1	31 (18)	2
Chris Uren	10 *	86	3	31 (17)	3
Ivor Catto	15	97	12	27	4
Sue Wild	15	94 (47)	9	26 (13,9)	5
Neil Farmer	12	91	7	26 (13,6)	6
David Street	7	87 (48)	5	26 (10)	7
David Smith	6	87 (44)	4	25	8
Mitch Bilderbeck	10	95	11	24	9
Jeff O'Leary	9	NR		19	10
Norman Schunter	12	NR		17	11
Winner, Hele-Shaw Challenge Cup – Simon Westgarth					
Winner, FJ Walker Challenge Cup – Andy Salmon					

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

Name		Hele-Shaw Cup		PJ Brown Challenge Cup	
	Society Handicap	Gross Score	Position	Stableford Score	Position
Tony Bethell	17	90	6	34	1
Richard Scott	18	93 (46)	7	32	2
Richard Axell	19	NR		27	3
Gavin Lakey	19	NR		25	4
Howard Richings	11 *	94 (49)	10	24 (11)	5
Jon Clackett	11 *	93 (49)	8	24 (10)	6
Helen Stone	24	NR		23 (9,6,2,1)	7
Dino Nicola	19	NR		23 (9,6,2,0)	8
Mark Southwell	17	NR		22 (18)	9
Roy Bowdler	29	NR		22 (11)	10
Robert Hudson	19	NR		22 (10)	11

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John Wild	16 *	NR		22 (9)	12
Ian Purser	16 *	NR		21 (11)	13
Brian McCartney	25 **	NR		21 (9)	14
Winner, PJ Brown Challenge Cup – Tony Bethell					

Hadfield Challenge Cups – Foursomes Stableford

Position	Name	Playing Handicap	Stableford Score
1	Mark Southwell & Mitch Bilderbeck	14	30
2	Andy Salmon & Andrew Needham	12	29 (15,10)
3	Neil Farmer & David Street	10	29 (15,9)
4	Chris Uren & John Uren	13	28
5	Jeff O'Leary & Simon Westgarth	5	27 (16)
6	Tony Bethell & Simon Etherington-Smith	14	27 (11)
7	Jon Clackett & Paul McQuade	13	27 (10)
8	Norman Schunter & Helen Stone	19	25 (16)
9	Robert Hudson & John Wild	20	25 (15)
10	Richard Scott & David Smith	12	25 (14)
11	Gavin Lakey & Roy Bowdler	25	22
12	Richard Axell & Howard Richings	17	21
13	Brian McCartney & Ivor Catto	20	16
Winners, Hadfield Challenge Cups – Mark Southwell and Mitch Bilderbeck			

Walter Hughes Aggregate Bowl – Best aggregate Stableford score from Hunstanton 2025 and Woking 2025

Position	Name	Woking 2025	Hunstanton 2025	Total
1	Chris Uren	31	41	72
2	Andy Salmon	35	30	65
3	Richard Scott	32	30	62
4	Howard Richings	24	35	59
5	Gavin Lakey	25	33	58
6	Sue Wild	26	28	54
7	Dino Nicola	23	31	54
8	David Street	26	26	52
9	Helen Stone	23	29	52
10	John Wild	22	28	50

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11	Ian Purser	21	29	50
12	Jon Clackett	24	25	49
13	Roy Bowdler	22	27	49
14	Brian McCartney	21	25	46
15	Norman Schunter	17	27	44

Other players at Woking did not play at Hunstanton 2025.

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	Tony Bethell	34	33.92	67.92
2	Andy Salmon	35	30.86	65.86
3	Richard Scott	32	32.97	64.97
4	Brian McCartney	21	43.68	64.68
5	Sue Wild	26	37.26	63.26
6	Dino Nicola	23	39.54	62.54
7	Howard Richings	24	38.29	62.29
8	Simon Westgarth	31	30.46	61.46
9	Jon Clackett	24	37.02	61.02
10	Helen Stone	23	37.78	60.78
11	John Wild	22	38.07	60.07
12	Neil Farmer	26	33.51	59.51
13	Mitch Bilderbeck	24	35.43	59.43
14	David Street	26	32.98	58.98
15	Chris Uren	31	27.46	58.46
16	Ian Purser	21	37.26	58.26
17	Norman Schunter	17	39.89	56.89
18	Ivor Catto	27	29.54	56.54
19	David Smith	25	31.24	56.24
20	Robert Hudson	22	33.50	55.50
21	Roy Bowdler	22	32.83	54.83
22	Jeff O'Leary	19	35.27	54.27
23	Mark Southwell	22	30.92	52.92
24	Richard Axell	27	20.67	47.67
25	Gavin Lakey	25	21.59	46.59
Winner, James Braid Trophy – Tony Bethell				

Guests

Position	Name	Playing Handicap	Stableford Score
1	Simon Etherington-Smith	10	29
2	Paul McQuade	11	27
3	Andrew Needham	15	26
4	John Uren	11	25