



The Engineering Golfing Society

Spring Meeting 2026

Hunstanton Golf Club – 19th and 20th May 2026

Report and Results

Report

The Spring Meeting of the Society was held at Hunstanton on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th May 2026. This was the 71st 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 81st visit to Hunstanton.

We arrived after a very dry spell at the club although there had been a few millimetres of rain the day before. I can't remember the fairways being as brown and dry at this time of year. Despite a poor forecast we were very lucky not to have any rain at all apart from a light sprinkling for 5 minutes on Tuesday. However the wind made up for the lack of rain and we had a strong south westerly on both days which made conditions very tough. However the scoring was overall very good which reinforced Hunstanton as one of the favourite courses of many Members.

This year we had 27 members and unusually no guests but we were privileged that Sam Coates the Hunstanton club captain joined us on Tuesday, giving a total of 28 players on Tuesday and 27 on Wednesday. This was 6 down on last year due to a few last minute drop outs and injuries.

The greens were true as always 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. We played the new 14th hole for the first time and members reminisced over the waving of the flag pole which the visible green no longer needed. The new hole had already bedded in well but there was still work in progress between the tee and the green and behind the new green but we will expect this to resemble the rest of the course by this time next year.



In Division 1, Mike Lazer shot an excellent round of 80 to win the Hopewell Challenge Cup for the best gross score; Andy Salmon scored 84 to come second, with Paul McQuade third on 86. Ivor Catto won the President's Challenge Cup for the best stableford score in Division 1 with an excellent score of 40 points; Paul McQuade was in second place with 34 points on countback; Justin Swain was in third with 34 points.



In Division 2, Peter Stevenson won the Roy Withers Trophy for the best gross score with a round of 90; Glynn Irvine was second with 91 and Peter French was third with a score of 94. Peter Stevenson's score was also good enough to win the Wilson Challenge Cup for the best stableford score in this division with 33 points. Gavin Lakey was second with 32 points, and Ian Herrington was third with 32 points.

Ivor Catto and Peter Stevenson also won the captain's Prizes of a voucher from the pros shop for winning the stableford competitions in their respective divisions.

Ivor's score at Hunstanton of 40, combined with his score of 27 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 67 on countback, with Andy Salmon second also with 67 points and Chris Uren third with 60 points.



Ian Herrington 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 76.16. Peter Stevenosn was second with 75.73 and Martyn Taylor in third with 71.17.

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 Sam Coates the Hunstanton captain. Sam congratulated the Society on their 71st consecutive visit and updated us on the other work that had been carried out on the course including the adjustment to the slopes to the left of the 17th green. We shared some of the traditions of the Society with Sam and he seem intrigued by those

and the various eccentricities of such competitions such as the putting competition for the Faldo glove. He was even more confused by the auction for the pairs of horses for Wednesday but having said that – so are most of us. The EGS captain, as per tradition, kindly provided the members with port which was shared with the Members. The meal was particularly memorable for Dino whose beloved Arsenal won the Premier league by not playing and not so memorable for our Spurs fan (no names mentioned).

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 Richings for making it run very smoothly. The ball sweep ran smoothly thanks to vice captain, Mark Southwell.



On Friday, the competition for the Hunter Twiss Cups was well contested as usual, although scores were not quite as good as some of the form that Tuesday had suggested. Howard Richings and Peter French were winners with 67 points (denying Ian Purser from his intended hatrick), with Sue Wild and Betty Stewart

second with 63 points and Glynn Irvine and Richard Axell third on 61 points. Particular congratulations to Betty who has suffering with a bad cough but as they say - always beware the sick golfer.



The dates for 2027 have been provisionally booked as 11th and 12th May. I am pleased to say that the rolling 3 year deal with Hunstanton Golf Club has now been extended so our visits are secure for the foreseeable future. The expected renovation of Le Strange Arms apparently never took place and we hope to be back there next year provided they can do us a good deal on the rates.

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
Ivor Catto	15	NR	8	40	1
Paul McQuade	12	86	3	34 (16-11)	2
Justin Swain	9	NR	8	34 (16-10)	3
Stephen Dermody	11	NR	8	33	4
Andy Salmon	7	84	2	32	5
Mike Lazer	3	80	1	31	6
Chris Uren	11	92	5	29	7
Sue Wild	11	92	4	28	8
Norman Schunter	13	NR	8	27	9
Howard Richings	9	93	6	25	10
Mitch Bilderbeck	9	94	7	24	11
John Stewart	9	NR	8	21	12
Leslie Tonks	15	NR	8	20	13

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
Peter Stevenson	19	90	1	33	1
Gavin Lakey	22	NR	7	32 (16)	2
Ian Herrington	22	101	4	32 (13-11)	3
Glynn Irvine	14	91	2	32 (13-9)	4
Martyn Taylor	17	NR	7	31 (14)	5
John Wild	28	103	5	31 (10)	6
Richard Axell	19	NR	7	30	7
Peter French	16	94	3	29 (14)	8
Helen Stone	20	NR	7	29 (12)	9
Mark Southwell	26	NR	7	29 (10)	10
Dino Nicola	16	NR	7	23 (11-5-4-1)	11
Eric Colburn	18	NR	7	23 (11-5-4-1)	11

Ian Purser	15	104	6	22 (14)	13
Betty Stewart	21	NR	7	22 (8)	14

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

Position	Name	Stableford Score	Name	Stableford Score	Combined Score
1	Howard Richings	31	Peter French	36	67
2	Sue Wild	30	Betty Stewart	33	63
3	Glynn Irvine	29	Richard Axell	32	61
4	Norman Schunter	24	John Wild	35	59
5	John Stewart	32	Gavin Lakey	26	58 (33)
6	Ivor Catto	27	Leslie Tonks	31	58 (28)
7	Paul McQuade	33	Martyn Taylor	23	56
8	Justin Swain	30	Ian Purser	25	55
9	Mike Lazer	24	Mark Southwell	30	54
10	Chris Uren	32	Dino Nicola	21	53 (29)
11	Ian Herrington	28	Eric Colburn	25	53 (20)
12	Mich Bilderbeck	25	Peter Stevenson	24	49
13	Stephen Dermody	23	Helen Stone	21	44

Myddleton Memorial Trophy – Best aggregate Stableford score from Woking 2025 and Hunstanton 2026

Position	Name	Woking 2025	Hunstanton 2026	Total
1	Ivor Catto	27	40	67
2	Andy Salmon	35	32	67
3	Chris Uren	31	29	60
4	Gavin Lakey	25	32	57
5	Richard Axell	27	30	57
6	Sue Wild	26	28	54
7	Helen Stone	23	29	52
8	Mark Southwell	22	29	51
9	Howard Richings	24	25	49
10	Mitch Bilderbeck	24	24	48

11	Dino Nicola	23	23	46
12	Norman Schunter	17	27	44

Midgley Trophy – Best Stableford score plus half age

Position	Name	Stableford Score	Half Age	Stableford + Half Age
1	Ian Herrington	32	44.16	76.16
2	Peter Stevenson	33	42.73	75.73
3	Martyn Taylor	31	40.17	71.17
4	Ivor Catto	40	29.88	69.88
5	John Wild	31	38.41	69.41
6	Norman Schunter	27	40.22	67.22
7	Helen Stone	29	38.11	67.11
8	Stephen Dermody	33	33.34	66.34
9	Sue Wild	28	37.59	65.59
10	Mike Lazer	31	33.55	64.55
11	Paul McQuade	34	29.66	63.66
12	Howard Richings	25	38.63	63.63
13	Andy Salmon	32	31.20	63.20
14	Dino Nicola	23	39.87	62.87
15	Eric Colburn	23	39.67	62.67
16	Peter French	29	33.61	62.61
17	Justin Swain	34	28.08	62.08
18	Mark Southwell	29	31.25	60.25
19	Mitch Bilderbeck	24	35.77	59.77
20	Ian Purser	22	37.60	59.60
21	Chris Uren	29	27.80	56.80
22	Betty Stewart	22	33.58	55.58
23	John Stewart	21	34.12	55.12
24	Leslie Tonks	20	34.19	54.19
25	Gavin Lakey	32	21.93	53.93
26	Glynn Irvine	32	20.10	52.10
27	Richard Axell	30	21.00	51.00

Guests

Position	Name	Handicap	Score
1	Sam Coates	20	28