



The Engineering Golfing Society

Northern Meeting 2026

Wallasey Golf Club – 28th July and Hawkstone Park -
29th July 2026

Report and Results

Report

EGS Members returned again to Wallasey and the Hawkstone Park course near Shrewsbury to play two contrasting golf courses. Wallasey is a classic links course and Hawkstone Park is a classic parkland course and both provided different challenges. It was at Wallasey Golf Club that Dr Frank Stableford devised his unique scoring system after experiencing a poor score on the tough 2nd hole.



The weather conditions could not have been better with the temperatures down slightly in the north after the recent heatwaves. There was a stiff breeze at both Caldy and Wallasey just to keep everyone honest but this didn't prevent another good year for scoring at what are two of the best courses on the Wirral.

The numbers were slightly down on 2025, with 19 EGS members and three guests attending at Wallasey. A bit surprising as I would say that Wallasey is probably in as good condition at the moment as any course in the country. As can be seen in the photo of our Captain teeing off below, the watered, green fairways and immaculate paths make the course a joy to play and excellent value for money.

The 20th annual match against Caldy took place on the Monday afternoon. The tradition of refreshments at the hut outside Charles' old house was maintained by Brian McCartney handing out the Mediterranean and Caribbean drinks and ice creams. Many thanks to Chris Davies for organising everything at Caldy GC who once again looked after us very well and provided an excellent summer meal of fish pie and fruit salad at the end of the day.

The format was the same as in previous years, played as a four ball better ball match. Caldy put out a strong team to edge ahead again this year. Of the twenty matches played so far the EGS have won 8, Caldy have won 9, and 3 were halved. Apologies if the Honorary Secretary had misled everyone on the scoring.



At Wallasey, the Northern Cup (for the best stableford score for all members) was won by Neil Farmer in Division 1 with an excellent score of 40 points. Bobby Rotheram was second on countback with 37 points, with Peter Leach in third also with 37 points.

In Division 2, the stableford scores were not quite as high. The Atlantic Cup, contested for the 11th time since the presentation to the Society of the cup by Ken DeGhetto and Charles Westgarth, was won by John Wild with 36 points. Helen Stone was in second place with 32 points and Betty Stewart in third place with 30 points. Nearest the Pin on the signature 12th hole was won by John Stewart.

Despite the breezy conditions, scores were again very good with 10 members scoring 30 points or more. The only downside at Wallasey is that despite Helen using all of her charm, she was unable to persuade them to put our flag up – a challenge for next year's captain!

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. A learning point from this is if you hit the ball at the hole without looking or trying, it seems to go in!

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 with a 2 ball at the start. This year the match was tied. Peter led the way by winning his match and the South were

starting to get their wallets out when the last match finished in favour of the South to bring the match level. Since 1960, the North have now won 28 matches, the South 27 matches, with 10 matches halved (two no result). Apologies again for giving the wrong score on the day.

Dates have been booked for next year for members to put in their diaries. Caldy GC – 5th July; Wallasey GC – 6th July; North vs South match – 7th July. I would try and make a special effort to come and play Wallasey and members who had not played it since Formby thought that it was a better course. After 4 years at Hawkstone Park, the general consensus was that we should try another course and hopefully we can find another good one in on the way home for the southerners at a similar price. A full list of results for this year follows.



Match v Caldys, Monday 27th July 2026

EGS		Caldy
Helen Stone 22 and David Street 10	Caldy 4 and 2	Betty Stewart 24 and Bob Rotheram 12
Chris Uren 12 and Steve Millington (G) 20	Caldy 2 Up	John Stewart 12 and Derek Jones 22
Andy Salmon 9 and Mark Southwell 17	Caldy 4 and 3	Ian Widdowson 6 and Phil Hoyle 17
John Wild 19 and Neil Farmer 13	EGS 2 Up	Mike Hayman 20 and Chris Davies 20
John Curry 28 and Howard Richings 12	Caldy 2 and 1	Phil Sumner (G) 17 and Steve Jones 18
Stephen Dermody 13 and Jeff O'Leary 9	EGS 3 and 2	Ken Gibson 12 and Dave Lewis 19
Norman Schunter 13 and Bob Diprose 32	Caldy 7 and 5	Richard Shone 29 and Jon Meacher 17
RESULT	5 - 2	Won by Caldys

Tuesday 28th July 2026 - 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	Neil Farmer	14	40
2	Bob Rotheram	14	37 (18)
3	Peter Leach	14	37 (17)
4	Chris Uren	13	34
5	Andy Salmon	7	32
6	Norman Schunter	15	31
7	Stephen Dermody	14	30
8	David Street	11	29
9	Howard Richings	13	26
10	John Stewart	11	25
11	Jeff O'Leary	9	20
Winner – Neil Farmer			

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	John Wild	21	36
2	Helen Stone	23	32
3	Betty Stewart	25	30
4	David Lewis	20	26
5	Jonathan Meacher	20	25 (14)
6	Mark Southwell	18	25 (10)
7	Chris Davies	21	23
8	Bob Diprose	34	22
Winner – John Wild			

Guests

Position	Name	Playing Handicap	Stableford Score
1	Ian Widdowson	6	31
2	Steve Millington	22	27
3	Allan Bickerstaff	14	25
Winner – Ian Widdowson			

North v South, Wednesday 29th July 2026

South		North
Andy Salmon 7	South 1 Up	Jonathan Meacher 16
Helen Stone 20 and Mark Southwell 16	North 2 and 1	Peter Leach 12 and Betty Stewart 22
Howard Richings 11 and Jeff O'Leary 7	North 3 and 2	Chris Uren 11 and Brian McCartney 22
David Street 9 and Norman Schunter 11	Match Halved	Roy Bowdler 27 and Michael Brockbank (G) 4
Neil Farmer 12 and Stephen Demody 12	South 3 and 2	John Stewart 11 and Chris Davies 19
RESULT	2.5 – 2.5	Match Tied