



The Engineering Golfing Society

Autumn Meeting 2026

Woking Golf Club – 15th September 2026

Report and Results

Report

The Autumn meeting of the Society was held at Woking Golf Club on Wednesday 15th September 2026. This was the Society's 78th Autumn or Spring meeting at Woking (this figure excludes the recent pre-Christmas visits); and the Society first visited Woking in 1909, 117 years ago. This year the Society celebrated 71 consecutive years.



We had a very good turnout for the day, with a total of 33 golfers in the morning and 32 in the afternoon for the foursomes. Of the 33, 6 were guests. Last year, we had 29 members and 5 guests which shows an increasing interest in this meeting over the past two years. We welcomed David Casey who attended his first meeting as a Member and some of the guests showed an interest in becoming a Member. There are also 7 interested players who had previously asked to be sent details of meetings going forward which is promising 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 our Captain continued her record of arranging good weather – just one more to go! 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 was no different. The honorary secretary took the opportunity to point this out to whoever he could, thinking that everyone else would be finding it difficult, but realised by looking at the good scores at the end of the day, it was just down to his bad golf.



The day went very well and everyone enjoyed another superb lunch which made getting going again in the afternoon a little difficult. We had slightly different arrangements due to a function at the club but it made a nice change.



The Hele-Shaw Challenge Cup for the best gross score was won again by Simon Westgarth with a great round of 72. David Casey gave him a good run for his money this year and was second with 74 and Rhys Bright third with 79. This was the 12th time in 13 years that Simon had won the Hele-Shaw Challenge Cup with only Peter Leach breaking the run in (2017). Rhys Bright won the F J Walker Challenge Cup for the best stableford score in Division 1 with 37 points with David



Casey in second place with 35 points on countback ahead of Simon Westgarth in 3rd place. In Division 2, the P J Brown Challenge Cup for the best stableford score was won by Mark Southwell with 33 points, ahead of Gavin Lakey on 32 points, with Ian Purser third on 30 points.

The Walter Hughes Aggregate Bowl for the combined stableford score from this year's scores at Hunstanton and Woking was won by Ivor Catto with an aggregate total of 66 points (40 at Hunstanton and 26 at Woking) with Gavin Lakey in second place with 64 points (32 at Hunstanton and 32 at Woking) and Stephen Dermody in third also on 64 points (33 at Hunstanton and 31 at Woking).

The James Braid Trophy for the best stableford score plus half age was won by Ian Purser with a score of 67.76, followed by Simon

Westgarth on 65.96 and Howard Richings on 65.79.

The Guest competition was won by Neil Webber with an excellent 38 points.

In the afternoon, the foursomes competition for the Hadfield Challenge Cups was won with 37 points by Rhys Bright and Callum Martin ahead of Glynn Irvine and David Holmes in second place with 35 points. Simon Westgarth and John Stewart were third on countback with 31 points.



At the presentation, the Society welcomed David Casey as a new member who received a tie and a sleeve of Society balls and the Centenary book.

Provisional announcements of the Annual Cups were made:

- For consistency of the best three stableford scores from the four meetings, John Wild has won the Millennium Trophy with a score of 97 points (last year's winning score was 101); Stephen Dermody in second place with 94 points and Ivor Catto in third place with 91 points.
- 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 again won by Chris Uren with a score of 72 (his last year's winning score was also 72); Neil Farmer was second also with 66 points on countback (thanks to his more recent better counting score), and Ivor Catto was third also with 66 points.
- The R&A Trophy for the same combination of scores in Division 2 was won by John Wild with a score of 67 (last year's winning score was 65); Gavin Lakey was second with 64, and Mark Southwell was third with 62 points.

These trophies will be presented at the AGM in March 2027.

Our next meeting will be the pre-Xmas event at Woking on Tuesday 1st December and the Autumn meeting in 2027 has been booked for Tuesday 14th 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).

Division determined by your handicap at the first event of the year.

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
Rhys Bright	10	79	3	37	1
David Casey	2	74	2	35 (20)	2
Simon Westgarth	1	72	1	35 (19)	3
Stephen Dermody	13	NR	15	31	4
Mitch Bilderbeck	11	88	5	29	5
Howard Richings	12	91	7	27	6
David Street	9	NR	15	26 (16)	7
Ivor Catto	12 *	92	8	26 (15)	8
John Foulsham	14	97	13	26 (14)	9
Mike Lazer	3	84	4	25 (14)	10
John Stewart	13	NR	15	25 (11)	11
Jon Clackett	15	96	12	25 (10)	12
Glynn Irvine	12	95 (47)	10	24 (13)	13
Andy Salmon	6 *	90	6	23 (14)	14
Neil Farmer	10 *	NR	15	23 (12)	15
Jeff O'Leary	9	NR	15	22 (13)	16
Norman Schunter	13 **	NR	15	22 (8)	17
Winner, Hele-Shaw Challenge Cup – Simon Westgarth					
Winner, FJ Walker Challenge Cup – Rhys Bright					

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
Mark Southwell	17	NR	15	33	1
Gavin Lakey	19	NR	15	32	2
Ian Purser	18	94	9	30	3
Richard Scott	17	NR	15	29	4

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Richard Axell	21	98	14	26 (15)	5
Andy Needham	15	NR	15	26 (14)	6
John Wild	15 *	95 (49)	11	26 (12)	7
Helen Stone	20	NR	15	25	8
Dino Nicola	19 **	NR	15	24 (15)	9
Betty Stewart	24	NR	15	20	10
Winner, PJ Brown Challenge Cup – Mark Southwell					

Hadfield Challenge Cups – Foursomes Stableford

Position	Name	Playing Handicap	Stableford Score
1	Rhys Bright & Callum Martin	10	37
2	Glynn Irvine & David Holmes	9	35
3	Simon Westgarth & John Stewart	8	31 (18)
4	Dino Nicola & James Scrivener	17	31 (16)
5	Andy Needham & John Wild	18	30
6	David Casey & David Kidd	5	29
7	Mitch Bilderbeck & Gavin Lakey	16	28 (16,12)
8	David Street & Jeff O'Leary	10	28 (16,9)
9	Richard Axell & Ivor Catto	18	27 (13)
10	Betty Stewart & Richard Scott	23	27 (12)
11	Mark Southwell & Neil Webber	14	26
12	Andy Salmon & Howard Richings	10	25 (17)
13	Mike Lazer & Norman Schunter	8	25 (12)
14	Stephen Dermody & Nigel Marsh	15	23 (15)
15	Neil Farmer & John Foulsham	14	23 (11)
16	Helen Stone & Jon Clackett	20	22
Winners, Hadfield Challenge Cups – Rhys Bright & Callum Martin			

Walter Hughes Aggregate Bowl – Best aggregate Stableford score from Hunstanton 2026 and Woking 2026

Position	Name	Woking 2026	Hunstanton 2026	Total
1	Ivor Catto	26	40	66
2	Gavin Lakey	32	32	64
3	Stephen Dermody	31	33	64
4	Mark Southwell	33	29	62

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5	John Wild	26	31	57
6	Richard Axell	26	30	56
7	Mike Lazer	25	31	56
8	Glynn Irvine	24	32	56
9	Andy Salmon	23	32	55
10	Helen Stone	25	29	54
11	Mitch Bilderbeck	29	24	53
12	Ian Purser	30	22	52
13	Howard Richings	27	25	52
14	Norman Schunter	22	27	49
15	Dino Nicola	24	23	47
16	John Stewart	25	21	46
17	Betty Stewart	20	22	42

Other players at Woking did not play at Hunstanton 2026.

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	Ian Purser	30	37.76	67.76
2	Simon Westgarth	35	30.96	65.96
3	Howard Richings	27	38.79	65.79
4	Mitch Bilderbeck	29	35.93	64.93
5	John Wild	26	38.57	64.57
6	Stephen Dermody	31	33.50	64.50
7	Mark Southwell	33	31.42	64.42
8	Dino Nicola	24	40.04	64.04
9	Helen Stone	25	38.28	63.28
10	Jon Clackett	25	37.52	62.52
11	Richard Scott	29	33.47	62.47
12	Norman Schunter	22	40.39	62.39
20	Andy Needham	26	35.02	61.02
13	David Casey	35	25.26	60.26
14	John Foulsham	26	33.68	59.68
15	David Street	26	33.48	59.48
16	John Stewart	25	34.28	59.28
17	Mike Lazer	25	33.72	58.72

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18	Jeff O'Leary	22	35.77	57.77
19	Neil Farmer	23	34.01	57.01
21	Rhys Bright	37	19.87	56.87
22	Ivor Catto	26	30.04	56.04
23	Andy Salmon	23	31.36	54.36
24	Gavin Lakey	32	22.09	54.09
25	Betty Stewart	20	33.74	53.74
26	Richard Axell	26	21.17	47.17
27	Glynn Irvine	24	20.26	44.26
Winner, James Braid Trophy – Ian Purser				

Guests

Position	Name	Playing Handicap	Stableford Score
1	Neil Webber	10	38
2	Callum Martin	8	33
3	Nigel Marsh	16	31
4	David Kidd	8	27 (17)
5	David Holmes	6	27 (15)
6	James Scrivener	14	20