



# The Engineering Golfing Society

## Summer Meeting 2024

North Hants Golf Club – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## Report and Results

### Report

We had another successful day for the Society's Summer meeting at North Hants on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June. We were again fortunate to have more good weather for the meeting albeit quite cool until the sun came out. There was a stiffish breeze throughout the day which made the course even more challenging. Members might be interested to know that this was identical to last year. This was the 10<sup>th</sup> time that the Society has played at North Hants and we are always well looked after when we visit.

The course was in great condition (apart from the bunkers) with very true greens with a bit of growth which made the putts a bit more manageable. The rough had flourished in the wet weather and any ball off the fairway was not destined to have a good lie. For wildlife watchers, the deer made an appearance again.

The turnout was up on last year but still down from 2021, with 18 members and 2 guests (total 20) compared with 16 last year. Again, a few of us had a discussion (Location, 36 holes or not, difficulty were all topics) around whether the venue and the format could be improved. The conclusion was that there should not be an immediate change, but feedback would be welcome for discussion at the AGM. Therefore for your diaries the course has been booked again for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – slightly later due to Hunstanton being a week later than normal.

There is no doubt that course is an excellent layout and challenge with superb greens. The club are planning to carry out significant improvement works over the winter focussing particularly on the bunkers to the extent that there will only be 9 holes in play whilst the works are carried out. Therefore, we should expect to see an even better quality course next year.

Our captain, Dino, opted for just 18 holes and decided to get the camera out in the afternoon to capture photos of the golf and scenery. Myself and Mark thought he had dozed off in the clubhouse as we never had sight nor sound of him. Mind you there was not much good golf between us to take a photo of. The group photograph taken at prize giving provided the best entertainment of the day and we look forward to seeing the picture of Dino taking one step towards the camera when he thought that it had jammed!



You might have guessed that the scoring was not high for most. Only 3 players of the 20 scored 30 points or more in the morning. The average scores of 26 for Division 1 and 26 for Division 2 were very similar to last year.

In the morning, David Smith in Division 1 won the Denis Lacy-Hulbert Trophy for the best overall stableford score on the day with a score of 31 points on countback, Chris Uren took 2<sup>nd</sup> place also with 31 points, with Russell Jackson in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 26 points.

Chris Davies in Division 2 won the Mike Drain Trophy for the best stableford score in the other Division from the overall winner with 28 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Division 2 was taken by Mark Southwell with 27 points; Dino Nicola was 3<sup>rd</sup> on 26 points.

The best Guest score in the morning was from Justin Swain with the best score of the day with 32 points. It is good news that both of the guests are intending to apply for membership despite spending the day with us and I am sure that they both will be very welcome.

Nearest the Pin competition on the 8<sup>th</sup> was won by Ian Purser. The pin was in a particularly tough position this year, 3 yards from the front of the green and right on the edge of the false front. However, nothing is too difficult for Ian it seems!

In the afternoon, Chris Uren and Justin Swain won the Timmis Cups by with 31 points. Richard Axell and John Wild were in second place with 27 points.



A full list of results follows:

### Individual Stableford Competitions

|   | <b>Denis Lacy-Hulbert Trophy (Division 1)</b> |                         |              | <b>Mike Drain Trophy (Division 2)</b>  |                         |              |
|---|---|-------------------------|--------------|--|-------------------------|--------------|
|   | <i>Best individual Stableford score</i>       |                         |              | <i>Best individual score from the other division to that of the winner of the Denis Lacy-Hulbert Trophy.</i> |                         |              |
|   | <b>Name</b>                                   | <b>Society Handicap</b> | <b>Score</b> | <b>Name</b>  | <b>Society Handicap</b> | <b>Score</b> |
| 1 | David Smith                                   | 5                       | 31 (16)      | Chris Davies   | 20                      | 28           |
| 2 | Chris Uren                                    | 14                      | 31 (10)      | Mark Southwell   | 17                      | 27           |
| 3 | Russell Jackson                               | 6                       | 26           | Dino Nicola  | 15                      | 26           |
| 4 | Andy Salmon                                   | 6                       | 25 (14)      | Ian Purser   | 15                      | 25           |
| 5 | David Street                                  | 7                       | 25 (13)      | Richard Axell  | 23                      | 23           |
| 6 | Neil Farmer                                   | 13                      | 25 (11)      | John Wild  | 16                      | 22           |
| 7 | Peter Leach                                   | 9                       | 24           | Gavin Lakey  | 16                      | 21           |
| 8 | Norman Schunter                               | 12                      | 20           | Andy Ramsbottom  | 18                      | 10           |
| 9 | Sue Wild                                      | 10                      | NR           | Roy Bowdler  | 26                      | NR           |
|   |   |                         |              |  |                         |              |
|   | <b>Winner – David Smith</b>                   |                         |              | <b>Winner – Chris Davies</b>   |                         |              |

### Guests

| <b>Position</b>              | <b>Name</b>  | <b>Playing Handicap</b> | <b>Stableford Score</b> |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1                            | Justin Swain | 9                       | 32                      |
| 2                            | Mike Lazer   | 3                       | 24                      |
|                              |              |                         |                         |
| <b>Winner – Justin Swain</b> |              |                         |                         |

**Timmis Cups (foursomes)**

| Position                                     | Pair            |     |                 | Handicap | Stableford Score |
|--|-----------------|-----|-----------------|----------|------------------|
| 1  | Chris Uren      | and | Justin Swain    | 13       | 31               |
| 2  | Richard Axell   | and | John Wild       | 21       | 27               |
| 3  | Neil Farmer     | and | Mike Lazer      | 8        | 24               |
| 4  | Andy Salmon     | and | Mark Southwell  | 14       | 22               |
| 5  | David Smith     | and | David Street    | 6        | 21               |
| 6  | Peter Leach     | and | Norman Schunter | 12       | 21               |
| 7  | Russell Jackson | and | Gavin Lakey     | 13       | 19               |
|  |                 |     |                 |          |                  |
| <b>Winners – Chris Uren and Justin Swain</b> |                 |     |                 |          |                  |