



# The Engineering Golfing Society

## Autumn Meeting 2024

### Woking Golf Club – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Report and Results

#### Report

The Autumn meeting of the Society was held at Woking Golf Club on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024. This was the Society's 76<sup>th</sup> 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. We have played there every year since 1956, for some 69 consecutive years.

We had a good turnout for the day, with a total of 26 golfers in the morning and 23 in the afternoon for the foursomes. Of the 26, 3 were guests. Last year, we had 24 members and 3 guests.

The course was probably in the best condition that most current members had seen due to the regular rain during the summer and recent warm weather. The greens were again very true and in excellent condition. Some members thought that we were playing "greenkeepers revenge" on some holes but they had obviously not played in the Alba Trophy (the scratch foursomes event) which the Society participates in each year at Woking where the greenkeeper definitely takes his revenge. Of particular note was the pin at the front of the green on the ninth and there were many stories of 3 putts and 4 putts, on, off then on the green again. Mitch didn't have that problem as his concern was that he lost his trolley which had rolled 100 yards back down the fairway when he wasn't looking. As on most courses this year, the weather had been good for the growth and flowering heather, which was visited many times by members during the day.

Our captain laid claim to arranging the superb weather and the conditions could not have been better with warm sun and a light breeze throughout the day as it was last year.

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 superb round of 69, one better than his level par round last year. New member Mike



Lazer was in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 73 and Andy Salmon in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 80. This was the 10<sup>th</sup> time in 11 years that Simon had won the Hele-Shaw Challenge Cup (with only Peter Leach breaking the run in 2017). Simon Westgarth also won the F J Walker Challenge Cup for the best stableford score in Division 1 with 38 points with Mike Lazer in second place with 35 points ahead of Ian Booker in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 33 points.

In Division 2, the P J Brown Challenge Cup for the best stableford score was won by John Wild with 29 points, ahead of Jon Clackett on 27 points,

with Ian Purser third on 25 points. Captain Dino was delighted that he is now free of Rule 16 allowing him to now play off his full handicap. A win at the Woking Xmas meeting should put pay to that.

The Walter Hughes Aggregate Bowl for the combined stableford score from this year's scores at Hunstanton and Woking was won by John Foulsham with an aggregate total of 69 points (37 at Hunstanton and 32 at Woking) with Peter Leach in second place also with 69 points (38 at Hunstanton and 31 at Woking) and Mitch Bilderbeck in third on 64 points (37 at Hunstanton and 27 at Woking).





The James Braid Trophy for the best stableford score plus half age was won by Ian Booker with a score of 70.60, followed by Peter Leach on 69.25 and Simon Westgarth on 67.96.

The Guest competition was won by David Casey with 31 points.

In the afternoon, the foursomes competition for the Hadfield Challenge Cups was won with 36 points by Peter French and Stephen Dermody who were 2 points clear of Ian Booker and Roger Slater (Guest) in second



place with 34 points, with Chris Uren and John Uren (Guest) in third place with 33 points.

At the presentation, the Society welcomed three new members who were Justin Swain, Richard Green and Mike Lazer (see photos below) who all received a copy of the Centenary book, a tie and a sleeve of Society balls.

Provisional announcements of the Annual Cups were made:

- For consistency of the best three stableford scores from the four meetings, John Foulsham has won the Millennium Trophy with a score of 100 points (last year's winning score was 103); Stephen Dermody in second place with 97 points and Peter Leach in third place with 96 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 won by John Foulsham with a score of 69 (last year's winning score was 69); Peter Leach was second also with 69 points, and Stephen Dermody was third also with 69 points. There was a 4 way tie on 69 points and separation was made based on the last meeting's score at Woking.
- The R&A Trophy for the same combination of scores in Division 2 was won by Betty Stewart with a score of 62 (last year's winning score was 71); Chris Davies was second with 58, and Dino Nicola was third with 55 points.

These trophies will be presented at the AGM in March 2025.



Our next meeting will be the pre-Xmas event at Woking on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

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

**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
Simon Westgarth	0	69	1	38	1
Mike Lazer	2	73	2	35	2
Ian Booker	7	NR		33	3
John Foulsham	11	85	6	32	4
Justin Swain	8	85	5	31	5
Peter Leach	6 *	81	4	31	6
Andy Salmon	4 *	80	3	30	7
Howard Richings	12	89	9	30	8
Norman Schunter	13	91	10	28	9
Jeff O'Leary	7	NR		28	10
Chris Uren	12	91	11	28	11
Stephen Dermody	10	88	8	28	12
Mitch Bilderbeck	7	87	7	27	13
David Street	5	NR		21	14
<b>Winner, Hele-Shaw Challenge Cup – Simon Westgarth</b>					
<b>Winner, FJ Walker Challenge Cup – Simon Westgarth</b>					

**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
John Wild	16	NR		29	1
Jon Clackett	14	NR		27	2
Ian Purser	18	NR		25	3
Richard Green	22	NR		25	4
Dino Nicola	15 *	NR		25	5
Peter French	10 *	96	12	23	6
Helen Stone	19	NR		22	7
Chris Davies	17 *	NR		18	8
<b>Winner, PJ Brown Challenge Cup – John Wild</b>					

\* 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).

#### Hadfield Challenge Cups – Foursomes Stableford

Position	Name	Playing Handicap	Stableford Score
1	Peter French & Stephen Dermody	12	36
2	Ian Booker & Roger Slater	9	34
3	Chris Uren & John Uren	13	33
4	Simon Westgarth & David Street	3	32
5	Peter Leach & Richard Green	16	31
6	Justin Swain & David Casey	6	28
7	Dino Nicola & Brian McCartney	22	27
8	Howard Richings & John Foulsham	12	26
9	Norman Schunter & Mitch Bilderbeck	10	24
10	Jon Clackett & Jeff O'Leary	11	24

**Winners, Hadfield Challenge Cups – Peter French & Stephen Dermody**

#### Walter Hughes Aggregate Bowl – Best aggregate Stableford score from Hunstanton 2023 and Woking 2023

Position	Name	Woking 2024	Hunstanton 2024	Total
1	John Foulsham	32	37	69
2	Peter Leach	31	38	69
3	Mitch Bilderbeck	27	37	64
4	Stephen Dermody	28	34	62
5	Andy Salmon	30	27	57
6	Jon Clackett	27	28	55
7	David Street	21	34	55
8	Howard Richings	30	24	54
9	Ian Purser	25	29	54
10	Peter French	23	30	53
11	John Wild	29	23	52
12	Dino Nicola	25	26	51
13	Helen Stone	22	28	50
14	Norman Schunter	28	21	49
15	Neil Farmer	21	27	48

*Other players at Woking did not play at Hunstanton 2024.*

*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 Booker	33	37.60	70.60
2	Peter Leach	31	38.25	69.25
3	Simon Westgarth	38	29.96	67.96
4	Howard Richings	30	37.79	67.79
5	Mike Lazer	35	32.72	67.72
6	Norman Schunter	28	39.39	67.39
7	John Wild	29	37.58	66.58
8	John Foulsham	32	32.68	64.68
9	Dino Nicola	25	39.04	64.04
10	Jon Clackett	27	36.52	63.52
11	Jeff O'Leary	28	34.78	62.78
12	Richard Green	25	37.12	62.12
13	Mitch Bilderbeck	27	34.93	61.93
14	Ian Purser	25	36.77	61.77
15	Stephen Dermody	28	32.51	60.51
16	Andy Salmon	30	30.36	60.36
17	Helen Stone	22	37.28	59.28
18	Justin Swain	31	27.25	58.25
19	Chris Davies	18	38.79	56.79
20	Peter French	23	32.77	55.77
21	Chris Uren	28	26.97	54.97
22	Neil Farmer	21	33.01	54.01
23	David Street	21	32.48	53.48
<b>Winner, James Braid Trophy – Ian Booker</b>				

**Guests**

Position	Name	Playing Handicap	Stableford Score
1	David Casey	3	31
2	John Uren	12	22
3	Roger Slater	10	22