



# **Year Book**

**Reports 2025**

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**Fixture List 2026**

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## **CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

It has been an immense privilege to serve as Captain of the China Golfing Society. Steeped in tradition and boasting one of the finest fixture lists, the time has flown by and it has undoubtedly been one of my most enjoyable golfing years. I was fortunate enough to attend most of our fixtures, including two memorable visits to Scotland. Each event gave me the opportunity to play with different members, to share in the camaraderie that makes our Society so special, and to forge new friendships along the way. The experiences at the many distinguished clubs we visited this year are fully recorded in the comprehensive match reports, but my particular favourites have been our tours, highlighted below.

We began with the Suffolk Tour, starting with nine holes at Woodbridge on Bank Holiday Monday, followed by a splendid day at Aldeburgh, where we secured a comfortable win.... against my own home club, no less! The following day we returned to Aldeburgh for the Berwick Trophy, which Nigel Lovett-Turner impressively won for the second consecutive year. After East Anglia we journeyed north for the Scottish Tour, played over the spectacular and challenging courses at Cruden Bay, Murcar, and Newmachar. What a fantastic selection of venues! With members travelling from far and wide, I estimated that collectively we covered some 15,000 return miles - the equivalent of five trips to New York - to take part in this tour.

Next came the ever-popular South Links Tour, played at Littlestone, Rye, and Royal St George's. This tour has long been a highlight of the Society calendar, offering memorable courses and wonderful hospitality from our host clubs. This year we enjoyed a fine win at Rye, though we lost our match at Royal St George's playing for the Guy Pritchard Trophy. The South Links has been excellently managed by Michael Winarick for 12 years, and he has now decided to hand over the reins to the very capable Mike Tibbatts. Next year will see some slight changes to the sequence of play, and Mike is already well on top of the arrangements - please look out for details in the fixture

list. While at Royal St George's, we were proud to confirm our Society's donation of a fine table, soon to be installed in the clubhouse, with an engraved plaque:

"Celebrating 40 years at Royal St George's  
Presented by China Golf Society – 2024"

Our final tour of the year took us across the Channel to Le Touquet, where we played at Hardelot, Le Touquet, and Wimereux. The first day at Hardelot was a great success – lovely weather if a little windy but with the course in good condition.

Our much-anticipated North vs South match in early June was played over two days at the renowned Lindrick Golf Club together with a day at Worksoop GC. Fierce but friendly rivalry was very much in evidence, and this year it was the South who emerged victorious, winning 13½ to 6½. This fixture also includes the annual presentation of the Michael Williams Quaich, awarded to the member who, in the opinion of the Captain and match managers, has made a significant contribution to this event over the years. I was delighted to nominate Ian Menzies, as a very worthy and popular recipient of the Quaich.

Of course, there were many other splendid fixtures across our calendar, each meticulously arranged by our match managers. As I often remind members, our events do not "just happen" - they are the result of careful planning and commitment, and my sincere thanks go to each of our sixteen match managers. This year was also the first under the stewardship of our new President, Michael Winarick. Michael has supported me throughout my captaincy, always ready with wise and timely advice. I am appreciative of both his guidance and his friendship. I would also like to pay special tribute to our committee. Much of their work goes unseen, yet it is thanks to their efforts that our fixtures run seamlessly, our website remains up to date, our finances are carefully managed, and the records of our

Society are diligently maintained. Their support throughout my year has been invaluable, and I am truly grateful. I also wish to extend special thanks to my immediate Past Captain, who now steps down from the committee through rotation, for his wise counsel and guidance. I was also greatly impressed this year by the resilience of two of our members. It was wonderful to see Jolyon Culbertson back on the course after his serious injury in February, and even during his recovery he continued to manage the fixture list with characteristic dedication. It was equally pleasing to welcome Ken Forrest back after his accident just before Christmas. In true Ken fashion, even while recovering from being run over by a pizza delivery van, he still managed to procure the whisky for our Chinese New Year celebration at Reigate Heath. As we all now know — you may be able to keep Ken off the course for a few months, but you will never stop him from keeping the drinks cabinet well stocked!

On a personal note, I am proud to report that, thanks to the generosity of our members, the Society raised an outstanding total of £500 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance, my chosen charity for the year. Of this, £200 was generously donated by our President, Michael Winarick, and a further £300 was raised at our Chinese New Year celebration at Reigate Heath, so ably organised by John Warbey. My sincere thanks to all who contributed to such a worthwhile cause. On the subject of the Chinese New Year celebration, please refer to the fixture list for details of the 2026 change of venue for this ever-popular event.

As I look back on my year, I feel proud not only of what we have achieved together, but also of the spirit of friendship that defines the China Golfing Society. Our Society remains as vibrant, welcoming, and full of fellowship as ever - and it has been my privilege to serve as Captain. As I now hand over the captaincy to David Amey, I do so with great confidence that the Society is in safe hands. I look forward to supporting David and to enjoying many more years of golf and friendship with China Golf.

## **TOURS 2025**

### **THE SUFFOLK TOUR 05-07 MAY**

The Tour started on Monday with another fine turnout for our first tour of the China Golfing Society season, and the weather was a delight for our three days in Suffolk. We commenced with a game on the Woodbridge Forest, nine hole course, where three teams battled out a better-ball Stableford, with the winning team comprising Patrick Allen, Dominic Boyle, Simon Sheppard and Mark Waller, scoring 39 points. Nearest the Pin, was won with an excellent shot played by the Captain. In the evening, 17 China Society members attended a splendid dinner at the Aldeburgh Lighthouse Restaurant.

Tuesday saw the annual match against Aldeburgh Golf Club, played over 18 holes with nine foursomes matches. The result was much the same as last year, with China winning 5½ to 3½. Following the golf, there was another fine dinner at the Golf Club attended by 25 Society members with partners, supported by 13 AGC members. The speeches included thanks to the Greenkeeping and Catering staff, with a special appreciation for the Greens staff who have been deeply involved in extensive course modifications. Reference was also made to Aldeburgh being the spiritual home of the China Golfing Society, where we have been playing in one form or another since the early 1900s. The China Golfing Society bench presented to the club in 1966 still sits adjacent to the third green.

On Wednesday morning we played for the Charles Berwick Trophy, a singles match, with the Trophy presented for the second year running to Nigel Lovett-Turner, scoring a fine 39 points. John Weeks and Simon Sheppard both returned scores of 36 points...well done Nigel, again. The Tour concluded with a tasty soup-and-sandwich lunch.

Grateful thanks must go to Clyde Camburn for managing the Tour arrangements so effectively.

## THE SCOTTISH TOUR 26-28 MAY

19 golfers gathered at Murcar GC for the traditional Scottish Tour opener on this famous links. The gentle opening par 4 disguised the challenge ahead as is often the way, with the winner amassing a modest 33 points. After the round the group checked into the Kilmarnock Arms for a most enjoyable dinner and a chance to catch up with fellow members in the bar afterwards.

The following day was the highlight of the trip with a round at Cruden Bay GC, played as a pairs better-ball. Conditions were generally excellent with the exception of a brief but intense hail shower towards the end of the round - one of those which barely afforded time to don waterproofs before the sun was shining once again. Drinks were taken again at the Kilmarnock Arms before we returned to the Cruden Bay GC clubhouse to enjoy a first class dinner with unrivalled views over the course in the evening sunlight.

The final day saw a change of pace with a round at the Hawkshill Course at Newmachar GC, a challenging parkland layout, again in perfect weather.

Results for the week were as follows :

Murcar GC :

Winner : David Fergus (33pts)

Runner-up : Patrick Allen (32)

Third : David Amey (29)

Nearest Pin : David Fergus

Cruden Bay GC (pairs)

Winners : Steve Troop/Chris Underwood (40pts)

Runners-up : Simon Walker/Mike Tibbatts (38)

Third : David Hill/Colin Peebles (37)

Nearest Pin : Patrick Allen

Newmachar GC

Winner : Alastair Bryce (36pts)

Runner-up : Patrick Allen (35)

Third : David Fergus (34)

Nearest Pin : Jeremy Sherwood

The Jamie Barber Gentlemen Golfer Trophy (best combined Stableford score from individual rounds at Murcar and Newmachar):

Winner : Patrick Allen (67pts – after countback)

Runner-up : David Fergus (67)

Third : Alastair Bryce (63)

## **THE SOUTH LINKS TOUR 04-06 AUGUST**

Storm Floris greeted China members on arrival at Littlestone, described as 'strong winds,' but which could equally be called a howling gale. The Texas Scramble was a pleasure to play down wind, but against the wind, (particularly the back nine), was a real test of tempo, temper and nerve! However 4 creditable results were achieved, two teams tied on a net 59 complimented by a 63 and 64. The Flackley Ash hotel once again provided excellent hospitality at the most reasonable rate and dawn on Tuesday, to great relief of all broke clear - sunny with just a gentle zephyr.

12 of the party left for Rye to be met by just 10 Rye Members. Playing the first 7 holes of the Old Course before weaving round the Jubilee where they met a senior Naval Officer and partner in a buggy clearly enjoying themselves in a buggy without the inconvenience of an opposition. A satisfactory win by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  was achieved without claiming an extra point by the default. Meanwhile the Vice-Captain led his team of 4 at Littlestone in a four ball competition and achieved a commendable gross 70.

And so to the Blazing Donkey, where all but one member arrived in time to help destroy the establishment's list of 'bin end' wines, all at most reasonable prices. The moral of the tour however is that there are few and (very) far between charging points for electric cars in this



part of Kent! At dinner a toast was made to Major General Ronnie McAllister (both Captain and President of Royal St George's and keen China Member) who founded the fixture 41 years ago. Sadly it did not inspire us sufficiently, for on a beautiful day at Sandwich we lost 7-1...but the lunch made up for everything!

Next year will see significant changes to the Tour. I shall stand down after 12 years as Match Manager and I am delighted to say Mike Tibbatts will take the reins. Additionally, Royal St George's are unable to entertain us on a Wednesday and the fixture will move to the Monday. More about that will be forthcoming as new plans emerge. It has been a great pleasure and privilege to run the tour and my real thanks go to Ross Logan and James Proudlock, the respective Match Managers, for their outstanding support, help and assistance, no matter the problem. Without them there would be no matches so many, many thanks.

## **THE FRENCH TOUR 15-18 SEPTEMBER**

The French tour is very much the end of season CGS tour, gathering together like minded souls for a few days of good company, good food, (and wine) and good golf. This year did not disappoint. The rain held off, and all 16 players managed to play every day – and for once, the rain and wind gods stayed away at Wimeraux.

After a convivial gathering at the bar in the welcoming Bristol Hotel, the first dinner was held, as last year, at Jean's Café. The order of play and players were handed out, this being repeated at the following dinners. Our President, and the organiser, had previously visited the restaurant – which we did each afternoon – to choose the wine, and bring back copies of the menu, so that choices could be made and handed out on arrival – thus saving much time and hassle.

Next day we travelled to Hardelot Les Pins, for the Leckie Cup. Simon Shepherd (our excellent scorer for the tour), after reviewing the handicaps, announced the winners to be our Captain, Nigel Howcutt, and "Popeye" David Glennie – who, with a 5 iron off the tee, was regularly outdriving his companions. A slight hiccup for the

dinner occurred that day – despite having booked (in French) the Cote Sud restaurant by telephone from England, it was found to be closed – the owner having chosen to go on holiday. Very happily, the Bristol Hotel recommended the Restaurant des Arts', where we had an excellent meal. We will return!

The next day saw us play at La Mer – probably the favourite course on the tour. The 4 ball competition was won by Messrs Sheppard, Duncan, Glennie (again), and Weeks. After a light lunch, an auction was held for the travel golf bag, gifted by Your Golf Travel with the proceeds going to the Captain's charity – East Suffolk Air Ambulance. Your President won the auction with a sizeable donation.

After an excellent dinner at the Perard Tradition seafood restaurant, we journeyed the following morning to Wimeraux – having been given a free round for the 12 combatants that played (or tried to) last year due to the appalling weather. It was still a tough round in the wind, but Messrs Dawson, Weeks, Smith and Hill managed to overcome the difficult conditions to win. After a very pleasant lunch in a rather crowded restaurant, the locally chosen prizes were handed out and all departed on time to catch the shuttle from Calais. Next year's tour is already being organised, it being the case that both the hotel and courses tend to get booked up very early.

In closing, very grateful thanks to your President for organising the pairings for each day, and to Simon Shepherd for his scrutiny of the score cards.

## **MEETINGS & MATCHES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**

### **CHINESE NEW YEAR MEETING AT REIGATE HEATH GC 13 FEBRUARY**

15 intrepid members gathered early at Reigate Heath, to celebrate the Year of the Snake. This is the 8th year of this very informal meeting, where the emphasis is on good golf, good company- and a very good Chinese feast, with part of the entry fee going to the Captain of the year's chosen charity.

After a bacon bap and coffee, play commenced in 3 balls, with the two best stableford scores on each hole counting. The trio of David Hill, Huw Jenkins and Mark Waller finished first, and were presented with Chinese Bowls for their efforts - Huw managing to leave his behind on leaving! Suitable prizes were awarded for the runners up, the lowest trio, and nearest the 9<sup>th</sup> pin. Four more members joined the players for an excellent Chinese Feast, produced by the local Chinese restaurant Five Spice, with almost all members suitably attired in Chinese costumes.

Stephen Drury entertained us with a couple of George Formby songs, and John McAnally gave a splendid talk on the background to the large canvas hanging in the room. The draw for the very valuable 25 year old whisky, with the Snake and CGS emblem on the label, kindly donated by Ken Forrest, was won by Terry Smith, with the proceeds from the draw entry fees going to the Captain's charity, the East Suffolk Air Ambulance. Members also purchased the 12 year old whisky, similarly labelled. Having inaugurated this meeting 8 years ago, in the Year of the Dog, I very much hope that the society will at least be able to complete the 12 year cycle, with 12 bottles of whisky lined up on members' shelves...

### **MATCH vs LIPHOOK GC 24 MARCH**

Having mustered 16 good men and true we arrived at Liphook Golf Club in good order and ready for our annual bout. The weather was dry but overcast with the wind from the north-north east. It felt very

cold. The course was well presented although strangely for the time of year, dry and not quite into the growing season.

The golf however, was not up to our usual standard. That said, credit must go to the home side who produced some inspired pairings, none more so than the Match Manager's game which was won by Liphook 8 & 6!! The final result was Liphook 5½ CGS 2½, altogether a fair reflection. Following the golf a delicious lunch was enjoyed by all and the usual pleasantries exchanged. The date for next year was agreed as 23rd March 2026.

### **SCOTTISH SPRING MEETING AT IRVINE GC 17 APRIL**

10 Members gathered at Irvine GC for the Spring Meeting and enjoyed a glorious if occasionally bracing day of traditional links golf at an historic West Coast venue.

The Old Tom Morris Trophy was presented by the Captain, Nigel Howcutt, to Chris Underwood with 35 points, narrowly ahead of Ken Forrest (34). Wilson Barrie took closest to the pin on the 8th .

### **MATCH vs WEST SURREY GC on 24 APRIL**

Under a blue sky, the match between the China GS and West Surrey GC commenced after all participants had been royally supplied with a very good brunch to set us up for the cut and thrust of match play. An epic tussle ensued, played with fun and some good golf, with West Surrey prevailing by 5 matches to 3. The highlight of the match was a hole in one by Mark Latham, which your scribe was fortunate to witness. The CGS very generously supplied balls for nearest the pins on the 5th and 12th, nearest the pin in 2 on the 8th and the longest drive on the 18th.

In summary the CGS flag flew proudly but alas West Surrey received the Chengdu trophy and a China GS plaque ....perhaps things will change next year.

## **MATCH vs MALAYA GS 14 MAY**

A lovely day dawned at Piltdown...sunshine with just a little wind. The Captain was delayed on the M25 in getting to Piltdown so Vice Captain David Amey had to take over the role of Match Manager and admirably managed to re-sort the start times caused by the Captain's delay and the two members who failed to turn up but we won't embarrass them by saying who they were! An excellent full breakfast and Buck's Fizz was enjoyed before the match with tea, cakes and more Bucks Fizz after. The result was CGS 4 Malaya 2...another resounding win despite both the Captain and the Vice Captain managing to lose their matches. The Captain was presented with the Roy Davis Trophy (which to cap his day he managed leave at Piltdown). A straw poll was carried out after the match and it was agreed the we play the same format next year.

## **THE NORTH vs SOUTH MATCH & MEETING 10-12 JUNE**

Teams gathered at Ye Olde Bell Hotel at Retford on Sunday 9th June. In total some 27 members were present and anticipating a keenly fought match. The weather and forecast was fine and like most of the country the area had had little rain for the preceding few months, so the courses were dry and running.

Proceedings began at the 1957 Ryder Cup venue, Lindrick GC. Format for the day was 4BBB and 7 points were available. Some matches were closer than others but at the conclusion of the day the South led by 6 points to 1. After the round it was a great pleasure to be able to catch up with some old (in time not age!) and dear friends who were members at Lindrick and had also been Hong Kong/Asia veterans and none more so than John Crawshaw an ex-Captain at Shek O. A very fine dinner followed in the impressive Dining Room and following the return to the hotel a lot of tired and satiated bodies retired to bed.

Tuesday saw us at Worksop GC where the format was an individual Stableford for the Shanghai Jars and the hidden pairs draw for the Kennedy Plates. After the golf, a quick turnaround was then required before departing for the Crown Hotel in Bawtry for dinner.

Lindrick again played host on Wednesday for the final singles matches with 13 points available to be won. With such a deficit it was always going to be difficult for the North to make a comeback although they did make a sterling effort. The final score though was South 13½ and North 6½ . A full list of results is shown below. Thanks must be given to John Mungall (North Manager) for all his support and assistance in the administration of the draws and golf generally; to Ken Forrest for bringing his historical knowledge and expertise of the various trophies and competitions; to the golf courses at Lindrick and Worksop and the Ye Olde Bell and Crown Hotels who, in their various ways looked after us and pandered to our every need. We now look forward to the 2026 match in the heart of Scotland at Stirling GC, Dunblane GC and Glenbervie GC.

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June Lindrick GC

Nearest Pin (11<sup>th</sup>) - Steve Troop

Four Ball Better Ball Result – South 6 North 1

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Worksop GC

Shanghai Jars North

1<sup>st</sup> – John Mungall (42)

2<sup>nd</sup> - Alastair Bryce (32 CB (19 Back Nine))

3<sup>rd</sup> – David Duncan (32 CB (18 Back Nine))

Shanghai Jars South

1<sup>st</sup> – Richard Gomersall (41)

2<sup>nd</sup> – David Amey (36)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Mike Tibbatts (35)

Nearest Pin (18<sup>th</sup>) - Richard Gomersall

Kennedy Plates (combined north and south stableford score)

1<sup>st</sup> – John Mungall/Patrick Allen (42/29) = 71

2nd – Richard Gomersall/John Lang (41/29) = 70

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Lindrick GC

Nearest the Pin (11th Hole) - Roy Allwood

Singles Result

North 5½ South 7½

Final Result

Winner of the Nan Bei Jiang Trophy for 2025 - SOUTH (13½ to 6½)

## **LIPHOOK GC MEETING 09 JULY**

Our President, Michael Winarick, was unable to attend and his apologies were extended to those assembled. The weather on the day was sunny and warm and the dry fairways were running fast and the greens were very slick which made scoring tricky. Considering the lack of rain over the previous months the course, as always, was presented in excellent condition. We had 13 starters which was a very low number of players compared to previous years. Nearest the pin at the 8th was Stephen Hagenbuch and on the 12th Brian Parker. In the main competition the Runner up was Nigel Lovett-Turner with 32 points and the winner with 37 points was Brian Parker. It was Brian's first CGS event - certainly a good day for him.

Michael Williams Quaich 2025

Last year the society inaugurated the Michael Williams Quaich - this trophy was conceived to be presented annually for the member of the society who, in the opinion of the Captain, has made a significant contribution to the North vs South match. This year, after consulting with many members, the Captain nominated Ian Menzies as the recipient in recognition to all the work he has done over the years in

connection with the North South Tour. In fact Ian has done an enormous amount of work for the China Golfing Society but has never really wanted to put his head above the parapet and he always worked determinedly in the background. Ian unfortunately could not attend on the day and so the Captain passed the Quaich to Simon Sheppard who agreed to arrange the engraving and personally present the Quaich to Ian.

The date for next year's summer meeting is 8 July 2026.

## **MATCH vs CALCUTTA GS – THE HARDWICK TROPHY – 10 JULY**

This annual event was played again at Blackmoor Golf Club, competing for the Hardwick Trophy that was presented by Joe Hardwick many years ago and is now a feature of this regular get together with our great friends in the Calcutta Golf Society. The weather was set fine at Blackmoor and we played an exhilarating seven a side, 4BBB match in temperatures around 28C...the course, as usual, was in excellent condition with the greens and fairways playing extremely well. The Blackmoor greens staff did a splendid job on the course despite the extensive dry period experienced in the south of England. The hospitality provided by Blackmoor was up to their usual high standard with a fine pre match sandwich and chips lunch and a splendid golfers supper of lasagne and salad to complete the day.

Now onto the results...as you will be aware China are the holders of the Hardwick Trophy and we managed another comfortable 5 matches to 2 win over Calcutta ...the same score as last year!

It was pleasing to see some new members playing and there was an exceptional eagle 2 on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole expertly performed by Rick Lipscombe...with a fantastic 5 wood beautifully struck some 200 yards straight into the hole.

The Calcutta Captain, Rob Wild, gave another 'memorial speech' on behalf of Calcutta and provided some memorable words about 'Joe the Pro' Hardwick who was professional at both Royal Calcutta and Royal Hong Kong Golf clubs for some 20 years.



## **JOINT SOCIETIES MEETING AT CUDDINGTON GC 17 JULY**

Four pairs from each of Calcutta, Malaya, Kenya, Latin America and China Golfing Societies gathered on a warm dry day at Cuddington GC in South London to contest the Hodder Cup. The aggregate of the best 3 better ball Stableford scores from each Society would decide the outcome of this year's Cup with China going for an unheralded three wins in succession. However on the day the pressure was just too great and the Cup was deservedly won by Latin America. The results for 2025 in team order (plus totals for 2022, 2023 and 2024 for comparison) were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Latin America : 45; 43; 46; 45 = 136 (122; 127; 120)

2<sup>nd</sup> Kenya : 45; 48; 41; 30 = 134 (124; 124; 108)

3<sup>rd</sup> Calcutta : 44; 46; 39; 42 = 132 (138, 129; 124)

4<sup>th</sup> Malaya : 40; 46; 41; 42 = 129 (127; 127; 125)

5<sup>th</sup> China : 41; 42; 41; 43 = 126 (129; 141; 130)

Overall this year's scores overall were impressive, particularly with the number of teams this year (18) getting 40 points or over.

## **QUADRANGULAR TROPHY MEETING SANDY LODGE GC 14 AUGUST**

This year's tournament was an abbreviated affair: the Reform Club withdrew its participation a week before, unable to raise a team. The Oriental Club was reduced to five whilst we fielded only seven players. The East India Club, holder of the trophy and this year's organiser, proposed a three-way event with the best four stableford scores to count to the team score - to which we and the Oriental Club agreed. The course at Sandy Lodge was in good condition though in common with courses around the country, its fairways were very dry and firm. The greens were in good shape, fast and subtle: being above the hole was not a good idea and even the shortest of putts demanded our best attention.

Most of us had a Shipping Forecast round (“good to fair, occasionally very poor”) though Simon Sheppard led the way with a most impressive 36 points. In the end, we lost to the Oriental Club whose best four cards totalled 132, we had 127 and the East India 120. As always, Sandy Lodge took good care of us: supper was very agreeable. The poor turnout this year and indeed Reform’s complete absence have prompted a review as to the location and timing of the 2026 event. As a result of the review, the 2026 event will now be held at Moor Park GC on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

## **SCOTTISH SUMMER MEETING AT GLENBERVIE GC 21 AUGUST**

Another somewhat lower than expected turnout for the CGS Summer Meeting, with a number of members unavailable for different reasons. Glenbervie GC was presented in excellent condition in calm and warm weather. The shortish length and associated moderate course rating led players to expect a day of low scoring - however this was not to be. Lush rough placed a premium on accuracy from the tee whilst the greens were quick with some wicked borrows. The top spots therefore came down to a countback between three players on 33 points, with the Fanlingers’ Quaich going to winner Richard Gomersall who thus had no reason to regret a very early start from Jersey that morning. The runner-up was Stephen Hagenbuch with Ken Forrest in third place. Nearest the pin on the 4th hole was Patrick Allen who won the Silver HK Dollar dating to Kilspindie GC in 1952.

## **MATCH vs PILTDOWN GC 27 AUGUST**

Another excellent day on this testing course. The weather was mostly good but there were occasional rain showers. Like many courses the fairways were somewhat patchy and desperately in need of some rain. However the heather had certainly not suffered and was as unforgiving as usual. This year China were well and truly taken to the cleaners losing 5-1. The Piltdown members were as hospitable as ever and we all thoroughly enjoyed their company. The Vice

Captain thanked them for their hospitality, the condition of the course and excellent lunch, and reiterated how much China value this important fixture. We look forward to redeeming ourselves next year.

## **MEETING AT THE NEVILL GC 25 SEPTEMBER**

Another good day at the Nevill GC enjoyed by a surprisingly disappointing turnout. 12 players however enjoyed good weather, the challenging course and some good golf. Chris Coulcher who was unwell on the journey decided not to play, but none the less attended the day. The Captain led us out to compete for the Jack Martin Cup. As usual the greens were excellent and fairly fast which proved an interesting test for all. Golf consequently was very mixed, but resulted it a close competition for the cup.

John Seal, playing in his first Society AGM Meeting at the Nevill won on countback with 31 points from Alan Wilkinson. During lunch, and prior to the AGM, the Jack Martin Cup together with 2 Society tumblers and 3 balls were presented to John, with the Treasurer receiving 1 tumbler and 3 balls. Our Fixtures Secretary, Jolyon Culbertson, with 30 points was third and was presented with 3 balls. Unfortunately the President was unable to join us as he was under the knife in hospital! However he made a generous donation to the Captains Charity for which he was duly thanked.

## **MATCH vs XL CLUB at WEST SURREY GC 16 OCTOBER**

The China Golf Society continued its rivalry with the XL club with another very enjoyable fixture at West Surrey. The course was in great condition and the weather very pleasant for the time of year. Despite some closely fought matches, CGS prevailed with a convincing 4½ to 1½ victory. This also marked Nigel's last match as Captain before he hands over to David Amey and it was fitting that he saved his best until last!

## **MEETINGS IN HONG KONG**

Information awaited at time of going to press

### **MATCH RESULTS 2025**

Liphook	Lost 5½ - 2½
West Surrey	Lost 5 - 3
Aldeburgh	Won 5½ - 3½
Malaya GS	Won 4 - 2
Calcutta GS	Won 5 - 2
Rye GC	Won 2½ - 1½
Royal St George's GC	Lost 7 - 1
Piltdown GC	Lost 5 - 1
XL Club	Won 4½ - 1½

### **NOTE FOR MEMBERS**

Please note that Match Managers will acknowledge applications for their events and advise when and by what method payment should be made. This may differ from fixture to fixture

### **NOTE FOR MATCH MANAGERS**

Match Managers are requested to agree a date for the following year, which should be a comparable date to the current year, on the day of their fixture. This will avoid a fixtures clash in future. The Fixtures Secretary should be informed as soon as possible

## **FIXTURES AND MEETINGS FOR 2026**

### **Fri 06 Mar - Chinese New Year at Sunningdale Heath GC– SL5 9RX**

1100 9 Holes Stableford golf + Chinese banquet

David Amey - Tel: 07786 233922 Email: david@dnamarketing.co.uk

### **Mon 23 Mar - Match v Liphook GC - GU30 7EH**

08.30 for 09.00; Greensomes; Simon Sheppard – Tel: 01730 818284

Email: slsheppard@btinternet.com

### **Thu 16 Apr – Spring Meeting, Scotland at Monifieth GC, DD5 4AW**

Tee from 11.30 Alastair Bryce - Tel: 07717 411378

Email: [alastair.bryce@gmail.com](mailto:alastair.bryce@gmail.com)

### **Thu 23 Apr - Match v West Surrey GC – GU8 5AF**

1030 brunch. Four Ball Betterball – tee from 1200.

Davor Pisk - Tel: 07754 027019 Email: davor.pisk@btinternet.com

## **THE SUFFOLK TOUR**

### **Mon 04 May - Woodbridge GC – IP12 2PF**

1300 sandwich lunch - 9 hole Team Stableford

### **Tue 05 May - Meeting at Aldeburgh GC – IP15 5PE**

1300 sandwich lunch – Stableford for Charles Berwick Trophy

### **Wed 06 May - Match v Aldeburgh GC – IP15 5PE**

0815 for 0830 – Foursomes

Clyde Camburn - Tel: 07787 578063

### **Wed 13 May - Match v Malaya GS at Piltdown - TN22 3XB**

0930 Full English breakfast; 1100 Greensomes for Roy Davies Trophy

Jolyon Culbertson Tel: 07961 587888; Jcchk@me.com

## **THE NORTH vs SOUTH MATCH & MEETING**

### **Mon 08 Jun – Stirling GC – FK8 3AA**

4 Ball Betterball match – North vs South

**Tue 09 Jun – Dunblane GC – FK15 OLJ**

Shanghai Jars & Kennedy Plates – Individual & Pairs Stableford

**Wed 10 Jun – Glenbervie GC – FK5 4SJ**

Singles matches – Noth vs South

North Manager – John Mungall Tel: 07722 532285

Email: [jrmungall@gmail.com](mailto:jrmungall@gmail.com)

South Manager – Simon Sheppard Tel: 01730 818284;

Email: [slsheppard@btinternet.com](mailto:slsheppard@btinternet.com)

**Wed 08 Jul - Meeting at Liphook GC - GU30 7EH**

1230(sandwiches); tee 1330 Stableford for Reynolds Dragon Trophy

Jolyon Culbertson Tel: 07961 587888; [Jcchk@me.com](mailto:Jcchk@me.com)

**Thu 09 Jul Meeting of Societies at Cuddington GC - SM7 1RD**

Five Societies - Teams of 8, Betterball Stableford for Hodder Cup

David Hill - Tel: 07957 137446 Email: [david@jessaka.com](mailto:david@jessaka.com)

**Tue 14 Jul - Match v Calcutta GS at Blackmoor GC - GU35 9EH**

1130 (sandwich lunch); tee 1230 for Hardwick Trophy + golfer's tea

Jolyon Culbertson – Tel: 07961 587888 Email: [jcchk@me.com](mailto:jcchk@me.com)

## **THE SOUTH LINKS TOUR**

**Mon 03 Aug - Match v Royal St George's GC – CT13 9PB**

Lunch from 1230 followed by Foursomes for Guy Pritchard Trophy

**Tue 04 Aug - Match v Rye GC - TN31 7QS**

Team of 8 CGS to play Foursomes

**Tue 04 Aug – Littlestone GC – TN28 8RB**

Team of 8 CGS to join Open Day

**Wed 05 Aug – Littlestone GC – TN28 8RB**

Team of 15 CGS to play in ProAm Tournament

Mike Tibbatts – Tel: 07950 605017 Email: [mike@miketibbatts.co.uk](mailto:mike@miketibbatts.co.uk)

**(Please note that at Royal St George's certain handicap restrictions may apply).**

**Tue 18 Aug Quadrangular Match with East India, Oriental & Reform Clubs at Moor Park GC – WD3 1QL**

1100 (bacon rolls) for 1200; dinner (jacket and tie). 8 Player teams.  
Steve Troop – Tel: 07780 661709 Email: [stevetroop@mac.co](mailto:stevetroop@mac.co)

**Thu 20 Aug Summer Meeting, Scotland at Glasgow GC – G61 2TW**

First tee 11.00 (Killermont Course) for the Fanlingerer's Quaich  
Alastair Bryce - Tel: 07717 411378 Email: [alastair.bryce@gmail.com](mailto:alastair.bryce@gmail.com)

**Wed 26 Aug Match v Piltown GC - TN22 3XB**

0830 for 0900 18 holes Foursomes followed by lunch  
Mike Taylor - Tel: 01892 663795 Email: [danese@hotmial.com](mailto:danese@hotmial.com)

**FRENCH TOUR**

**Mon 14 Sep – travel to Le Touquet, The Bristol Hotel**

**Tues 15 Sep – meeting at Golf d'Hardelot** for the Leckie Cup

**Wed 16 Sep – meeting at La Mer GC Le Touquet**

**Thu 17 Sep – meeting at Wimereux GC and return**

John Warbey - Tel: 07775 535718 Email: [jwarbey@mail.com](mailto:jwarbey@mail.com)

**Thu 24 Sep - Meeting at Nevill GC, R. Tunbridge Wells - TN2 5JW**

0815 (bacon baps); tee 0900 Stableford + lunch for Jack Martin Cup  
Mike Taylor - Tel: 01892 663795 Email: [danese@hotmial.com](mailto:danese@hotmial.com)

**Mon 05 Oct – Blackmoor GC Society Challenge – GU35 9EH**

Team of 4; Jolyon Culbertson Tel: 01428 644141 [Jcchk@me.com](mailto:Jcchk@me.com)

**Thu 15 Oct - Match v XL Club at West Surrey GC – GU8 5AF**

08.30 for 09.00 4 Ball Betterball + lunch  
Dominic Boyle - Tel: 07770 476508 Email: [dominicboyle@sky.com](mailto:dominicboyle@sky.com)

**MEETING IN HONG KONG – 03 Dec 2026 at HKGC FANLING**

Derek Lam Tel: (852) 9520 2932; Email: [dlam747@gmail.com](mailto:dlam747@gmail.com)

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025**

The meeting was held at the Nevill GC on September 25<sup>th</sup>

**The following members were present:** Nigel Howcutt (Captain), David Amey (Vice Captain), David Duncan (via Zoom), Alan Wilkinson, Jolyon Cuthbertson, Colin Peebles (via Zoom), David Hill, Patrick Allen, John Annison, Chris Coulcher, Peter Elliott, Huw Jenkins (via Zoom), John Seal, Terry Smith, Mike Taylor, Mike Tibbatts, John Warbey (via Zoom).

**Apologies for Absence:** Nick Bentley, John Bone, Robert Bray, Michael Brown, Jim Coneybeare, Bob Couldrey, Darryl Dawson, Peter Howard-Dobson, William King, John Lang, James Lawson, Ross Logan, Graeme Paton, Mike Raper, Alan Richards, Simon Sheppard, Peter Sledmere, John Smeddle, Michael Thornhill, Chris Underwood, John Weeks, Norman Wilson, Michael Winarick, Les Wong

### **Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Approval of the Minutes was proposed by David Amey and seconded by Mike Tibbatts and passed.

### **Captain's Review of the Year**

The Captain stated that it had been a real privilege to captain the Society, which has such rich traditions and an outstanding fixture list, and it been one his most enjoyable years. He is grateful for the many new friendships that he has made. Highlights of the year included nominating Ian Menzies for this year's Michael Williams Quaich; The South winning the annual North/South match; a superb calendar, which as ever, was ably managed by the Match Managers, without whom the Society couldn't function. The Captain especially valued the wise counsel of the Society's new President, Michael Winarick and the members of the Committee. Finally, he



thanked all those who made contributions, totalling £500, to his charity namely the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

### **Treasurer's Report**

In connection with the 2024/25 Financial Statement the Treasurer noted that the draft and unaudited accounts were included in the AGM pack and asked if there were any questions. He provided a summary of the accounts: Income was generated from membership subscriptions (£3,525) and tour/match fees (£1,548) and sale of kit (£335). Expenditure was incurred through website costs (£1,656), Year book (£563), Prizes (£1,346), Royal St George's table (£750) and a provision for bad debt (£1,300). The result is a net loss of £207, which is disappointing. Without the provision for bad debt there would have been an operating surplus of £1,093.

The Treasurer commented that the provision for bad debt has arisen through the entry into liquidation of the Blazing Donkey venue – one of the overnight stops on the South Links Tour. The Society paid (and effectively lost) a 50% cash deposit for all those staying. Those members staying however paid in full for their room on arrival meaning the cash deposit was never used nor refunded. Those members who paid by credit card were encouraged to claim a refund (50% of the cost of a night's stay at £165 = £82.50) from their credit card issuer under Section 75 of the 1974 Consumer Credit Act. Some members have started that process and others are encouraged to do the same.

There was discussion about the need formally to audit the accounts and the need for the AGM to consider audited accounts. The Treasurer invited Mike Tibbatts to comment on differences between the Kitmaster and Treasurer on stock/prize valuations. Mr Tibbatts congratulated the Treasurer on producing the draft accounts and commented that the difference was not that big. Mr Culbertson suggested that the Captain should enquire if there is a discrepancy, to which the answer is yes, and the Captain agreed that the 2024/25

Financial Statements should be audited and circulated to membership on completion. It is hoped that future Financial Statements would not have such discrepancies and so no audit would be necessary. For the 2025/26 budget, the Treasurer is forecasting as follows: Total Income of c. £5,000 and Expenditure of c. £3,200

Discussion included the need for more formality around the Society's governance (such as annual audit) and the need for a constitution. Mr Tibbatts opined that there should be such, not least because the Society is now charging annual subscriptions to members. Others disagreed and voiced that the low turnout at the AGM was evidence that more formality is not needed.

### **Membership Secretary's Report**

The Membership Secretary noted the work done to update the membership list: Of the total members listed on the Society's web site 136 are active (i.e. have paid their annual subscription) and 145 inactive (no subscription paid). Many of the inactive members have no contact details recorded (or club membership, handicap etc) and so contact is not possible and perhaps their records should be deleted. In response to a query from Mr Coulcher, the Membership Secretary re-affirmed last year's AGM decision that inactive members will not be sent a Year Book, for which access will be available via the web site.

Of more relevance is the frequency of attendance at the Society's events, at which only half of the active members participated and of those, some 60% participated less than 3 times. Tours are more popular than single day fixtures. Possibly the fixture list needs to be reviewed but work needs to be done to encourage greater participation, and the Membership Secretary will be sending regular reminders during 2026 for members to sign up to fixtures. During the year the Society recruited 2 new members and, sadly, has been notified of 3 deaths.

The Membership Secretary also reported on improvements to the Society's web site principally to formalise and make match management easier. Match managers will be encouraged to insist on members using the web site to register for a fixture, with a sanction that, if not, then members will not be selected for the fixture. The upgrades to the web site will go live after the last matches in 2025 and before the 2026 season starts. It is hoped that a more usable web site will be more acceptable to new and younger members and so assist in a recruitment drive. Mr Warbey pointed to the 'elephant in the room' being that younger members tend to be working full time and so less able to take days off to play in a Society fixture. Re recruitment, Messrs Tibbatts and Smith are due to visit Hong Kong before the end of 2025 and will do their best to spread the message about the Society through the various clubs in Hong Kong.

### **Fixtures Secretary Report**

The Fixtures Secretary reported that the 2026 fixture list is largely confirmed and congratulated match managers on so doing not least because golf clubs' fixture lists are getting ever more crowded; 9.00am tee times are getting more difficult to arrange; a dislike amongst members of foursomes format; and fixture costs are ever rising. Alan Wilkinson suggested a solution might be to start later with a brunch meal at 11.00am and tee times from 12.30.

There will have to be some radical re-arranging of the South Links Tour caused by changes at Royal St Georges GC, which prevent that annual match from being played on a Wednesday and so the Society match will now be played on a Monday. The President has also handed over the management of this tour to Mike Tibbatts. A variety of suggestions were made including participating in the Littlestone Pro-Am event; re-arranging the fixtures at Littlestone and Rye; perhaps playing the match v Piltdown on the way home.

## **Election of Captain for 2026**

The Captain was delighted to propose that David Amey be elected Captain for the 2026 season. He was seconded by Mike Tibbatts with unanimous approval from those present.

## **Election of the Vice Captain for 2026**

David Amey was delighted to propose that Terry Smith be elected Vice Captain for the 2026 season. David Hill seconded the proposal with unanimous approval from those present.

## **A note from the President**

My sincere apologies for being absent on parade today. I have been waiting for a Lumbar Decompression Operation for over 6 months and of course the date selected had to coincide with our AGM. Many of you who will have enjoyed a wonderful morning's golf on the Nevill's excellent course under Mike Taylors guidance. I would like to add my thanks to the Club and to Michael for all the arrangements. I was always taught that Presidents should be seen and not heard. Today, sadly, I shall not be seen, but I have asked the Vice Captain if he would be kind enough to read out what I would and should have said. First, to those who ask where is the President's wine, I have to say, that was a habit rather than a tradition of my distinguished predecessor. I have instead made an equivalent contribution to the Captain's Charity and I encourage you to contribute to this most worthy cause. If there are any dry throats, you will, at least, have a safer drive home.

Secondly, I would like to record my thanks to all those involved in running our Society over the past year. Here I must begin with Nigel, our quite excellent Captain. He has travelled the length and breadth of the Country attending, I think, almost all of our fixtures. That is some ask, as I can verify from many years ago, and sets the precedent for his heirs and successors. I envy his organisational skills and congratulate him on a job, really well done..or should I say nearly done....for there are a couple for fixtures still to go. I would also thank all the Members of The Committee. The three Davids, Jolyon,

Alan along with Alistair in Scotland and Tim in Hong Kong. Their work often goes unsung and unrecognised but is vital in the efficient running and continuance of the Society. And finally, my thanks to all our Match Managers without whom we would not maintain and enjoy the impressive fixture list we enjoy both North and South. We must support them wherever and whenever possible. It is no easy task, as I am well aware, and whilst there are always unavoidable last-minute cancellations and changes, I would hope we can keep those to a minimum. If a player has to fallout, please, first of all, look for your own replacement before informing and relying on the unfortunate Match Manager. To the new Captain and his Vice, I wish them good luck with hopefully a win at Royal St George's in 2026!

### **Any other business**

The Captain advised that the annual subscription for 2026 would remain the same at £25. The Treasurer and Membership Secretary will be sending out payment reminders towards the end of the year. Alan Wilkson asked for confirmation that an inactive member registering to play in a fixture he must first pay the annual subscription to be eligible. The Membership Secretary confirmed this to be the case.

Michael Tibbatts suggested that the AGM does not have to be held after the Jack Martin cup meeting at the Nevill, particularly if alternative venues might encourage a larger turnout. The Membership Secretary suggested future AGMs could be held at any suitable time via the medium of ZOOM.

### **CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Joined in 2025**

Mathew Wyborn, Ramsay Urquhart

#### **Deceased in 2025** (as notified to the Membership Secretary)

Brigadier John Edwards, Henry Umney, Basil Evans

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT as at 31 AUGUST 2025 (Draft)**

<b>Income</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Match fees	1115	1725
Scottish Match fees	400	775
New Membership Fees	100	310
Profit on Kit sales	325	325
Donation	0	619
Sundries	33	0
Subscriptions	3425	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5408</b>	<b>3754</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>		
Website Expenses	1656	1368
Yearbook	563	475
Prizes presented	888	973
Admin/Engraving	458	83
Whisky/Quaich	0	280
St George's Table	750	0
Provision for bad debt	1300	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5615</b>	<b>3179</b>

<b>Operating Surplus</b>	<b>- 207</b>	<b>575</b>
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<b>Net Assets</b>		
Stock of Clothing	3441	4097
Stock of Prizes / Balls	2099	1185
Bank Account	8102	4782
Debtors	310	1760
Creditors	(2335)	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11617</b>	<b>11824</b>

Represented by:

**General Fund**

Opening balance	11824
Operating profit	-207
<b>Balance C/Forward</b>	<b>11617</b>

## **PRESIDENTS**

<b>1935-1936</b>	<b>J O P Bland</b>
<b>1936-1937</b>	<b>C A McLellan</b>
<b>1937-1938</b>	<b>Sir Peter Grain</b>
<b>1938-1939</b>	<b>C W Beswick</b>
<b>1947-1948</b>	<b>C W Beswick</b>
<b>1948-1949</b>	<b>G Hogg</b>
<b>1974-1979</b>	<b>E M P Williams</b>
<b>1979-1993</b>	<b>L Goldman</b>
<b>1994-2005</b>	<b>H B Neve</b>
<b>2005-2008</b>	<b>D S Goldie</b>
<b>2009-2014</b>	<b>A G S McCallum</b>
<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>D R Davies</b>
<b>2015-2024</b>	<b>M J E Thornhill</b>
<b>2025 -</b>	<b>M J Winarick OBE</b>

## PAST CAPTAINS

1951	Sir John Masson	1989	MJ Pridham
1952	RMJ Martin	1990	W Watson
1953	FO Reynolds	1991	DGR Hunt
1954	PH Cobb	1992	PE Hammond
1955	EMP Williams	1993	DW Pryor
1956	CR Rice	1994	KG Rice
1957	RB Gotch	1995	Sir John Roxburgh
1958	ES Barraclough	1996	CR Joynt
1959	WG Rigden	1997	DR Davies
1960	CC King	1998	WMA King
1961	TR Chassels	2000	DR Sadler Hall
1962	RK Valentine	2001	J R Locking
1963	DB Peat	2002	AGS Mc Callum
1964	AV Pettitt	2003	MGH Edwards
1965	EC Hubbard	2004	J H Howarth
1966	L Goldman	2005	GW Edie
1967	AHK Cobb	2006	WH Glover/RH Morris
1968	JA Burnett	2007	JP Thomas
1969	HJ Murray Cook	2008	MJ Winarick OBE
1970	TGC Knight	2009	HJ Conybeare
1971	JA Blackwood	2010	CM Picken
1972	HFB Gardener	2011	MA Raper
1973	HG Banham	2012	CJF Leek
1974	GHW Churchill	2013	C Coulcher
1975	NP Fox	2014	N Lovett-Turner
1976	HWE Heath	2015	NJ Reeves
1977	IF Aucutt	2016	M Williams
1978	EG Smith-Wright	2017	A Wilkinson
1979	EH Sainsbury	2018	J Warbey
1980	LC Banks	2019	P Sledmere
1981	GG Aitkenhead	2020/1	SL Sheppard
1982	RA Kennedy	2022	DS Duncan
1983	PS Ingham	2023	M Tibbatts
1984	JL Kennedy	2024	C McF Peebles MBE
1985	DS Goldie	2025	NI Howcutt
1986	REH King	2026	DN Amey
1987/8	HB Neve		