

Old Stopfordians golf society 2017 season review

The Society had an enjoyable season with good weather for most of the competitions. The Society has about 60 members on the circulation list but only 20 have played in at least one event this year. We urgently need new younger blood to keep the Society flourishing. So all you golfers out there please contact the Secretary whose details are below and confirm your interest.

The Founder's Day competition was unfortunately abandoned owing to heavy rain although some hardy members decided to take the opportunity of playing anyway.

The match against Bramall Park Golf Club was played at the end of April (12-a-side) in dry and good conditions. The match ended in a win for Bramall Park. Acting Captain Paul Atkinson thanked our hosts for their hospitality. The company was excellent as usual and we hope to be invited back next year.

Old Hulmeians organised the Inter-Old Boys Competition at Bramhall Golf Club on 5th July in which teams of former pupils from six local schools took part. Old Stops provided 12 players. The best six stableford scores were taken from each team, the winners being Old Hulmeians this year with Old Maxonians 2nd and Old Stops in 3rd place. Old Stops best individual scorers were Mark Woodhead and Bob Bailey each on 35 points. The winner of the Inchley Bowl was Mark who beat Bob on a very close card playoff; each had the same score on the back nine holes and the last six holes, but Mark had the better last three holes.

The annual Worth Trophy match against Old Maxonians was played at Knutsford Golf Club on 31st August in good conditions. Old Stops were only able to raise nine players because of holidays with Old Maxonians having 14. The Trophy has been played for each year since 1999 and the venue for the last 10 years has been Knutsford Golf Club who make us very welcome. The total of the six best individual stableford scores from each team produced 210 points for Old Maxonians and 197 points for Old Stops so Old Maxonians won the Shield. Old Stops best scorers were John Shackleton and Fred Maher each with 37 points and Mark Woodhead with 35 points.

The Oppida Cup and SGS Championship Shield competitions took place at Stockport Golf Club on Wednesday 27th September. A low turnout of eight players competed for the Oppida Cup and six schoolboys competed for the School Shield and Cup. The weather was sunny for most of the round but rain intervened for the last few holes. The course was in excellent condition with fast true greens and the catering for the meal afterwards was up to its usual high standard.

The winners of the various trophies were as follows:

Oppida Cup:

Winner – Roger Coleman – net 70 (gross 90 with a handicap of 20)

Best Gross Jubilee Cup:

Winner – Roger Coleman (90)

SGS Golf Championship Shield & School Cup:

Winner – Lewis Welch (39 points)

Runner up – Sam Hall (35 points)

Centenary Trophy (best total of stableford points in the Inchley Bowl and Oppida Cup combined):

Winner – Roger Coleman

Mr Dunlop:

Winner – Paul Atkinson

The trophies and prizes were presented by the President of the OSA Tim Stretton who also took part. Everyone enjoyed the day and thanks were expressed to the Secretary for organising the event and to Alex Ehegartner for getting the schoolboys involved.

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