

## **Old Stops' Golf Society 2016 season review**

The Old Stops' Golf Society enjoyed beautiful weather during the 2016 season as they took part in a number of competitions.

The Founder's Day competition was held at Stockport Golf Club with a competitive field of eight players making their way around the Offerton Road based course. With 35 stableford points, Alex Ehegartner finished first with three players close behind him on 33 points.

The 10-a-side match against Bramall Park Golf Club was played at the end of April with the hosts winning 4-1. Old Stop Martin Officer, also a member of Bramall Park, thanked the hosts for their hospitality and the Society looks forward to coming back next year.

Old Hulmeians organised the Inter-Old Boys competition at Bramhall Golf Club in July where teams of former pupils from six local schools took part. The Old Stops provided 11 players with the best six stableford scores taken from each team.

Old Maxonians (King's School, Macclesfield) emerged victorious with the Old Stops joint second with Old Hulmeians (William Hulme's Grammar School). Alex Ehegartner was again the Society's best individual scorer on 36 points with Neil Fergusson and Tony Leary tied for second on 33 points. Alex's achievements saw him crowned the winner of the Inchley Bowl.

The annual Worth Trophy match against Old Maxonians, which has been contested since 1999, was played at Knutsford Golf Club at the start of September. The Old Stops were delighted to win the 14-a-side match and, therefore, the Shield – the first time they had won it for several years.

Again the six best individual stableford scores were counted and the Old Stops managed to amass 205 (including: Alex Ehegartner 37 points, Fred Maher and David Withington 35 points each) compared to Old Maxonians' 203.

Also in September the Oppida Cup and Stockport Grammar School Championship Shield competitions took place at Stockport Golf Club. Seventeen players competed for the Oppida Cup and five schoolboys competed for the School Shield and Cup.

The winners of the various trophies were:

### **Oppida Cup:**

**Winner** – Martin Officer with an excellent net 68 (gross 83 with a handicap of 15)

**Runner up** – Jonny Reeves also with a net 68 (gross 76 with a handicap of 8). Martin prevailed on a card playoff having the better second nine by one shot

### **Best Gross Jubilee Cup:**

**Winner** – Jonny Reeves (76)

### **Stockport Grammar School Golf Championship Shield & School Cup:**

**Winner** – Sam Hall (31)

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

**Winner** – Neil Fergusson

**Mr Dunlop:****Winner** – Tony Fort

Everyone enjoyed the day at Stockport Golf Club and thanks were expressed to the Secretary for organising the event and to Alex Ehegartner for getting the schoolboys involved. Next year's event has already been booked for Wednesday 27th September 2017 back at the same venue.

Throughout the season 26 of the Society's 55 members took part in events and they are looking for new blood to join them. If you are interested please contact the Secretary David Withington on 0161 439 3073 or at [withington.d@sky.com](mailto:withington.d@sky.com).