

## Old Stopfordians' Golf Society 2018 Season Review

The Society had an enjoyable season with good weather for most of the competitions. The Society has about 45 members on the circulation list but only 22 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 at Stockport Golf Club had a small turnout of eight players. However the winner was Peter (Fred) Maher with an excellent stableford score of 42 points.

The match against Bramall Park Golf Club at the end of April (12 a side) was unfortunately washed out after nine holes by torrential rain, hailstones, thunder and lightning. We enjoyed the meal afterwards and thanked our hosts for their hospitality and we hope to be invited back next year.

Old Hulmeians again organised the Inter-Old Boys Competition at Bramhall Golf Club on 4th July in which teams of former pupils from five local schools took part. Old Stops provided only six players this year. The best six stableford scores were taken from each team, the winners being Old Hulmeians, with Old Stoconians 2nd and Old Stops in 3rd place. Old Stops best individual scorer was Jonny Reeves on 33 points who was therefore the winner of the Inchley Bowl.

The annual Worth Trophy match against Old Maxonians was played at Knutsford Golf Club on 6th September in excellent conditions. Old Stops were able to raise nine players with Old Maxonians having only seven because of a failure of communication following the death of Alan McInnes. John Eccles was the Knutsford member in contact with the Club following the sad death of our own Neil Fergusson.

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 214 points for Old Maxonians and 197 points for Old Stops so Old Maxonians won the Shield. Old Stops best scorers were David Withington with 36 points and Fred Maher with 34 points.

The Oppida Cup and SGS Championship Shield competitions took place at Stockport Golf Club on Wednesday 26th September. 14 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. The course was in excellent condition with fast true greens and the catering for the meal afterwards was up to its usual high standard.

There were some excellent scores in the Oppida Cup, which is a medal competition – Jonny Reeves with an amazing net 63, Andy Roberts with net 66 and James Stewart and Simon Conway both with net 69. Cameron Cook in the School Shield also had an excellent score of 45 points. The winners of the various trophies were as follows:

- **Oppida Cup: Winner** – Jonny Reeves net 63 (gross 72 with a handicap of 9)
- **Best Gross Jubilee Cup: Winner** – Jonny Reeves (72)
- **SGS Golf Championship Shield & School Cup: Winner** – Cameron Cook (45 points), runner-up – Sam Hall (39 points)
- **Centenary Trophy (best total of stableford points in the Inchley Bowl and Oppida Cup combined): Winner** – Jonny Reeves
- **Mr Dunlop: Winner** – Tony Fort

Everyone enjoyed the day and thanks were expressed to the Secretary for organizing the event and to Alex Ehegartner for getting the schoolboys involved.

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