

### Old Stopfordians' Golf Society 2023 Season Review

The Founders Day tournament at Davenport was well attended by approximately 30 golfers with the School beating the Old Stops to retain the Withington Trophy. Matt Eekelaes won the individual trophy with 40 points.

The Worth Trophy vs Kings Macc was initially rained off when Knutsford flooded at the wrong moment. Ian Hall stated "he had it going " at the time of flooding but in reality he had 2 bogies and a par. The Worth trophy rematch took place during the Inter Oldies at Bramhall GC. Ian Shaw from Kings Macc very sportingly allowed 3 from 4 scores to count for the Old Stops which was just enough to allow Anton Hanson, Alex Ehegatner, Roger Coleman and Andy Roberts to retain the Trophy by the barest of margins.

We did not do so well in the Barclays Cup Inter Old Boys despite 4 steady scores. Roger Coleman had 36 points and wins the Inchley Bowl. I believe that Roger now joins a select group who have completed the career "Grand Slam" of major OS Golf. Thanks to Roger, Alex and Anton for their support at Bramhall.

The Oppida Cup was played at Romiley Golf Club on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September. The weather was set fair and 26 golfers enjoyed the superb conditions of Romiley Golf course. Thank you to all who attended particularly those who had travelled a long way. Participation by Old Stops remains challenging and it was great to see our numbers boosted by the school and by the very welcome parents who played. Huge thanks are owed to Alex Ehegartner for all his efforts in coordinating the school, teachers and parents which enables the continued playing of the Oppida Cup. Many trophies were decided on the day.

**Oppida Cup Winner** - Anton Hansen with 35 point (also the winner of the combined annual score of the Jubilee Cup).

**Jubilee Cup Winner** - James Hopley with a gross score of 73.

**School Trophy Winner** - Nathan Hopley with a gross score of 76.

**School Shield (for the best Stableford)** - Zak Waterhouse.

**Mr Dunlop** - John Hilditch

**Next year's events are as follows :**

Founders Day (All welcome)	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	TBC
Worthy Trophy (Old Stops/Teachers)	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Knutsford GC
Inter Oldies (Old Stops/Teachers)	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Bramhall GC
Oppida Cup (All welcome)	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	TBC

If anybody has a suggestion for the location for the Founders Day competition and for the Oppida Cup then I will look into the possibilities. It would be great to see plenty of people taking part in next years events. Please let me know if you can attend.

Best wishes for the festive season and Happy New Year.

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