



Studley Wood Seniors golf newsletter – September 2025

Introduction

I hope you enjoyed the summer as much as I did! This Newsletter is longer than I expected, but it reflects how much we have done in the last three months. Highlights are:

- Awayday to Calcott Park and Tour to Bournemouth;
- Ladies / Seniors mixed pairs;
- Summer Friendlies;
- A full-programme of Roll-ups and Knock-outs, including:
 - Seniors' Masters – new event;
 - Summer eclectic;
 - Champion of Champions.



Going forward we are starting the M4 Winter league and our Seniors Winter League (dates for the diary). For those who make it to the end we have a picture of our president shoes.....

Awaydays and Tours

We had a very successful tour to Bournemouth and Awayday at Calcott Park. In contrast to last year, we had excellent weather for both events.

September Tour - Bournemouth (7 – 8 September 2025)

After a long hot and dry summer, we were anxious that the good weather would linger on for a few days more while we were on our tour centred in Bournemouth. For the most part it did with just a couple of light showers on our first course at Bulbury Woods. As its name suggest many of the fairways were lined with trees which suited the straight hitter! The nearest the pin on the 10th proved too much of a challenge for us. Some of us were inches away from the green, but no-one actually made it on. So this was carried forward to Crane Valley Golf Course

Crane Valley course on the second day was a more crafted course, and a different challenge. A course with some interesting holes and more varied than Bulbury. We fitted in the nearest the pin as a nearest the pin in two on the 18th. This time we were able to award all the NTP prizes.

After an evening at Harry Ramsden's on the sea-front in Bournemouth, on the final day we travelled (across the chain ferry) to the Isle of Purbeck Golf course. By far the more difficult of the



courses. It had tremendous views of Studland Bay beach and beyond. On this course we had a nearest the pin and a nearest the pin in two on the 18th. This was on the basis that all the other par threes were too difficult!! On the 18th, the green was clear until Russel, in the penultimate group, played two tremendous shots to be within a few feet from the pin. Tim, in the last group made a valiant effort to beat Russel, but failed.



The hotel in Bourmouth was central with a large car park underneath and walking distance to the two restaurants where we ate: the Coconut Tree, (where a small group of us led by me got completely lost) and Harry Ramsden's - when we could squeeze Tim and a few retrogrades out of a local real ale pub.

Results

Martin Wilkinson was awarded the prize as overall winner, but after a recount when we got home we realised that Gary Chalmers had in fact won. Martin was very magnanimous in realising he had only held the trophy for one night and the trophy was properly awarded to Gary in the clubhouse a day or two later in the presence of Martin.



Congratulations to each day's winners (Bob Jones at Bulbury, Gary Chalmers at Crane Valley and Richard Hayward at the Isle of Purbeck).

The team competition, run in the normal Ryder cup style, was won comfortably ($8\frac{1}{2} - 6\frac{1}{2}$) by the red team (1 – 3 on day 1; $2\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$ on day 2; and 5 – 1 on the final day) such that we did not have to invoke the Ghost in the final round's scoring).

Congratulations to Martin Wilkinson for leading the red team to victory and commiserations to Paul Feldman leading the Blue team.

The summary results and prizes are given in the table below:

	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
Day 1 - Bulbury			
Individual	Bob Jones (39)	Gary Chalmers (33)	N/A
Nearest the pin	Tim Mustill (6th)	Not Awarded (10th)	N/A
Day 2 - Crane Valley			
Individual	Gary Chalmers (35)	Russel Matthews (34)	
Nearest the pin	Peter Nicholls (6th)	David Scott (16th)	N/A
Nearest the pin in 2			Tim Mustill (18th)
Day 3 - Isle of Purbeck			
Individual	Richard Hayward (30)	Martin Wilkinson (30)	N/A
Nearest the pin	Ben Pritchard (9th)		
Nearest the pin in 2		Russel Matthews (18)	N/A
Overall			
Individual	Gary Chalmers (49)	Tim Mustill (45)	Richard Hayward (44)
Red Team won $8\frac{1}{2}$ v $5\frac{1}{2}$; Martin Wilkinson, Jonathan Perks, Ben Pritchard, Richard Hayward, Phil Chaundy, David Scott, Russel Matthews, Peter Nicholls			

August Awayday – Calcott Park (12 September 2025)

After a long hot, summer it was no surprise that the fairways were very parched. So, while our fairway shots ran on for a very long way (sometimes in the right direction) the slopes around the greens were somewhat unforgiving.



We played the normal singles Stableford competition and an Alliance for teams comprising members from similar home destinations. When we came in, we were served Chilli with a second course of cake.

Leaderboards for Calcot Park Golf Club awayday:

Competition	Position	Winners
Individual Stableford	First	Keith Nicholson (35)
	Second	Richard Hayward (34)
	Third	David Stoolman (32cb)
Nearest the pin (7th)		Geoff Gaskins
Nearest the pin in two (10th)		Ken Tuffley
Team Alliance	First	Richard Hayward, Kingi Sharma, Mike Atkins and Frank Olah (85)

Ladies / Seniors (26th August 2025)

A very enjoyable day was had on 26th August when the Seniors and Ladies came together for the annual mixed pairs Stableford competition. 16 pairs competed for the top honours, and the result was extremely close. Overall, six teams were covered by just 2 points and the top 4 teams by only 1 point. So close in fact that it sent our vice-captain scurrying back to revisit the handicap calculations that he had prepared in advance of the event. Many thanks to Bob Clarke, who had already played 9 holes in that morning's roll up, when he offered to stand in for a late cancellation. His reward was a nearest the pin prize.

Also, well done to Richard Moore, who played 18 holes without so much as one expletive ****.

And the results: in first place Gerry Collins and Gabrielle Maxwell-Jones, second place David Rawlinson and Keeley Turner, third were David Hughes and Lee Hall, and in fourth place Ian Fraser and Bernadette Whittington.

Summer Friendlies

We have now played 20 matches: winning 10, losing 7 and drawing 3. Two home matches (versus Harleyford and Burford) had to be abandoned due to heavy rain and lightning. These are being postponed to March and I hope they will provide a prelude to the new season! Thanks to the Seniors who have represented us in these matches - 53 different players including several debutants.

I am sure they will all agree that these have been most enjoyable and I should also thank our opposing teams for their conviviality.

MONTH	DAY DATE	CLUB HOME/AWAY	RESULT
July	Mon 7	Goring & Streatley A	L 2 ½ - 3 ½
	Thurs 17	Lambourne H	D 3-3
	Mon 21	Springs H	W 4-2
	Tues 29	Ellesborough H	W 4-2
August	Mon 11	Donnington Grove H	W 3 ½ - 1 ½
	Tues 19	Goring & Streatley H	W 4-2
	Wed 20	Harleyford A	D 3-3
September	Wed 3	Harleyford H	Postponed
	Thurs 11	Burford H	Postponed
	Thurs 18	Oxfordshire A	L 1 - 5
	Wed 24	Tadmorton Heath A	L 2 -3
	Mon 29	Lambourne A	L 2 - 4

M4 programme

Tim Mustill is again captaining our sides for the M4 Winter League. This year we will be playing: Tynley Park, Easthampstead, Hadden Hill and West Berks. We made an unfortunate start to our first (away) match against W. Berks, but there is plenty of time to make up for this!

Roll-ups and knock-outs

We are down to the finals in these competitions:

Singles Knock Out Competition

In the semi-finals, Fitz beat Chad Chadbone and Nick Birt fought off a valiant challenge from Richard Ilett. I understand Nick is arranging the final with "the runner-up" in October – we will see. [Since writing this Nick did win against Fitz to become our Singles Knock-out winner – congratulations to him!]

Pairs Knock Out Competition

Our finalists are the pairing of Ben Pritchard and Paul Smith against the pairing of Graham Burt and Mike Atkins. Holiday commitments amongst these four means the final will now be played in early October. Here's hoping the weather is kind to them when they play. David Scott with Malcolm Wilson and Ken Tuffley with Chris Fill were the losing semi-finalists.

Learning from this year, to attract more entries next year we will start the competition earlier in the year and use some of our general roll-up dates for the first couple of rounds.

Silverware winners and Champion of Champions

Congratulations to the winners of the Silverware competitions during this quarter:

Date	Competition	Winner	Score
22 July	Jeremy Potter Memorial Trophy	Ian McIntyre	42 points

7 August	Seniors' Masters Trophy	Bob Clarke	34 Points
14 August	Quarterly Challenge 4	Gerry Prickett	62 nett
18 August	Senior's Annual Challenge	John Dennis	72 nett
16 September	Memorial Trophy	Chris Fill	69 nett
30 September	Seniors Champion of Champions	Richard Hayward	71 nett

A particular highlight was the inaugural Seniors Masters Trophy, played over two days with a Medal and Stableford round, which was won by Bob Clarke.

Congratulations to this year's Senior Champion of Champions, Richard Hayward who won by 3 shots with a nett score of 71.



We also took the opportunity to present some of our silverware trophies:



Order of Merit and Players of the month

July	Players	
Position	Division 1	Division 2
1	Richard Hayward	Ken Tuffley*
2	Ian McIntyre	Stephen Capaldi
3	Steve Willingham	Mike Ryan
August	Players	
Position	Division 1	Division 2
1	Richard Hayward*	Gordon McMurdo
2	Bob Clarke	Peter Nicholls
3	Graham Burt	John Dennis
September	Players	
Position	Division 1	Division 2
1	Chris Fill*	Bob Jones*
2	Andrew Cassetari	Ted Peycke
3	Graham Brogden	Gary Chalmers
Year to Date	Players	
Position	Division 1	Division 2
1	Richard Hayward*	Bob Jones
2	Bob Clarke	Gerry Collins
3	Chris Fill	Kingi Sharma

*Overall winner / leader

Summer Eclectic

Thirty-two of us are participated in the Summer Eclectic. After 20 rounds Bob Jones was the overall winner with a nett score of 50.

Position	Division 1	Score	Division 2	Score
1	Ken Tuffley	54	Bob Jones	50
2	Geoff Skiller	54	Barry Cumberland	51
3	Geoff Gaskins	54	Gerry Prickett	52
4	Terry Davies	54	Gary Chalmers	52
5	Russel Matthews	54	Ben Pritchard	52

Dates for the dairy

Date	Event
16 October	Winter League - Round 1
11 November	Winter League – Round 2
20 November	Quarterly Challenge
4 December	Winter League – Round 3
9 December	Christmas Party

And finally – the President’s shoes.

I wasn’t sure what to do with this picture! These are Fitz’s shoes which were dug out of one of the lakes after looking for a ball.

Is this a:

- Comment on the sanity of our President?
- Warning to be careful when looking for your ball?
- Caption competition?

You choose!



HAPPY GOLFING!

Jonathan

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