

Review of Bournemouth Autumn 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 suggests many of the fairways were lined with trees which suited the straight hitter! The nearest the pin on the 10th proved to be too much of a challenge for us. Some of us were inches 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 of 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. And 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 nevertheless

tremendous views of the Studland bay beach and beyond. On this course we had a nearest the pin on the 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 Bournemouth was central with a large car park underneath and walking distance to the two restaurants we ate in (the Coconut Tree, where a small group of us led by me got completely



lost getting there) 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 I realise I had made a mistake and actually 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 rounds 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.

Chris Perks

16 September 2025



Final standings and day winners:

	Day 1		Day 2		Day 3		TOTAL*
	Stableford	Ranking points	Stableford	Ranking points	Stableford	Ranking points	
Gary Chalmers	28	14	35	15.0	22.2	10	49
Tim Mustill	26	10	33	13.0	23	11	45
Richard Hayward	33	11	23	3.0	30.1	15	44
Martin Wilkinson	30	7	28.3	9.0	30	14	44
Phil Chaundy	18	12	28.1	7.0	27	12	43
Russel Matthews	27	6	34	14.0	22	8	36
Bob Jones	29	15	30	11.0	21	4	34
Peter Nicholls	23	1	28	6.0	28	13	33
Bruce Seymour-Taylor	22	5	28.2	8.0	22.1	9	31
David Scott	25	9	27	5.0	21.1	5	24
Jonathan Perks	33	8	29	10.0	19	2	22
Ben Pritchard	26	4	32	12.0	19.1	3	22
Gerry Prickett	21	3	22.1	2.0	21.3	7	19
Christopher Perks	23	13	25	4.0	15	1	19
Paul Feldman	28	2	22	1.0	21.2	6	15

- Double ranking points for day 3

Prizes

	First Prize		Second Prize		Third Prize	
	Name	Amount /£	Name	Amount /£	Name	Name
Day 1 - Bulbury						
Individual	Bob Jones (39)	10	Gary Chalmers (33)	5	N/A	N/A
Nearest the pin	Tim Mustill (6th)	5	Not Awarded (10th)		N/A	N/A
Day 2 - Crane Valley						
Individual	Gary Chalmers (35)	10	Russel Matthews (34)	5		N/A
Nearest the pin	Perter Nicholls (6th)	5	David Scott (16th)	5	N/A	N/A
Nearest the pin in 2					Tim Mustill (18th)	5
Day 3 - Isle of Purbeck						
Individual	Richard Hayward (30)	10	Martin Wilkinson (30)	5	N/A	N/A
Nearest the pin	Ben Pritchard (9th)	5				
Nearest the pin in 2			Russel Matthews (18))	5	N/A	N/A
Overall						
Individual	Gary Chalmers (49)	15	Tim Mustill (45)	10	Richard Hayward (44)	5
Red Team win Team 8 1/2 v 6 1/2 ; Red team members get £5 ea						