



EGC Newsletter - October 2025

This month's newsletter is being edited by Ian Holder.

Welcome all to the EGC Newsletter.

Next Events Coming Up in 2025

Fri 24th Oct – Away Day at Winter Hill.

Sun 26th Oct – Collin Parratt Stableford Competition.

Sun 9th Nov – Ray Winter League 1 Stableford Competition.

Thurs 20th Nov – AGM & Presentation Evening, 7.30pm start.

Sat 22nd Nov – Ray Winter League 2 Stableford Competition.

Sat 6th Dec – Ray Winter League 3 Stableford Competition.

Sat 13th Dec – Turkey Trot.

Annual Christmas Competition, sign-up is now open on Master Scoreboard, pick your own tee time and your playing partners.

To bring an end to the 50th Anniversary Year, there will be a Christmas Party immediately following the Turkey Trot presentation.

Sat 27th Dec – Christmas Texas Scramble Competition.

Thurs 1st Jun 2026 – New Years Day Stagger Competition.

Annual competition with 2 clubs and a putter.

New Club Shirts

For those that paid their membership renewal before 1st April and have not yet received your new club shirt (free of charge), or you are not sure if you are eligible, please contact Ian Holder (captain@easthampsteadgolfclub.co.uk) to arrange to meet up at the club.

2026 Captains Message

From Mark Pearson, our Vice Captain for this year (Club Captain for 2026).

I have 2 things to mention. Firstly, the sign-up for the Club Tour for 2026 to Majorca is open on Master Scoreboard. See the Tour Flyer below and then go to the very end of the list on Master Scoreboard to sign up.



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EGC Club Tour 2026

Majorca, here we come!

1st to 8th October 2026

7 nights all inclusive

5 rounds of golf

Transfers

Flights

Buggies

Estimated cost £1649 per golfer, £979 per non-golfer
(£100 non-refundable deposit secures your place)

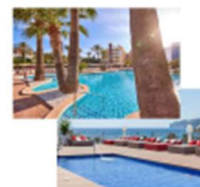


The Hotel

Staying at Zafiro Rey Don Jaime in Santa Ponça, Majorca

<https://www.zafirohotels.com/en/zafiro-rey-don-jaime/>

Onsite there is a spa, restaurant, bar/lounge area and three pools, including the impressive 18+ sky pool on the roof of the hotel. Nearby, the seafront promenade is full of bars and restaurants.



The Golf

We will be playing 5 courses, with Tee times all around 10 – 11am

Son Gual <https://son-gual.com/golf-course-mallorca/>



Challenging layout, with water hazards and strategically placed bunkers. Dramatic landscape, lush fairways and stunning views, ensure a memorable day of golf.

T Golf Calvia <https://t-golf.club/calvia/>

Varied layout, with two lakes featured on the 7th, 8th, 15th, and 16th holes. Rated in the Top 10 best golf courses in Spain.



Golf Son Vida

<https://arabellagolfmallorca.com/campos-de-golf/golf-son-vida/>



Hosted the European Tour twice, in 1990 and 1994. The technical layout requires precise game strategy.

Golf Son Quint

<https://arabellagolfmallorca.com/en/golf-courses/golf-son-quint/>

The wide and accessible design. An ideal choice for golfers who enjoy an aggressive game. Long drives and tactical approaches are rewarded.



Golf Son Muntaner

<https://arabellagolfmallorca.com/en/golf-courses/golf-son-muntaner/>



Son Muntaner features technical greens and wide fairways that reward smart strategy.

Sign up now on Master Scoreboard

Secondly, I have the pleasure to announce I have chosen Martyn Osment to be my Vice Captain for 2026.



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Complex Meetings

Ian, Kevin & Mark are having regular meetings with Simon Cottee, the Downshire Complex Manager. Below are the notes from the last meeting.

- Q – There have been a few comments on the state of the greens after the last couple of competitions, what is your response.
A – The disease is called ‘Dollar Spot’ that hasn’t been seen before at Downshire. Has been treated, cost £1000 for 10 litres of treatment. Greens being sanded & over-seeded to promote growth while weather still good.
- Q – What is the plan for all the leaves coming down.
A – The leaves are being collected every weekday and then being blown into the rough. They are then being cut up as mulch.
- Q - How confident are you that drainage install will be effective.
- A – Total unknown until the rain comes. Extra drainage on right side of 13th should stop water backing up on the tee side of the new ditch, thus improving conditions. Hope to keep at least 13 holes open over winter. There will be work on new drainage on tee side of 16th fairway, in the lowest point, as well as feeder lines going from left side into the new drain. This scheduled for week of 13th to 17th October, but would hopefully take only a couple of days with the new trenching machine.
- Q – What frustrates you the most being complex manager.
- A – Comments on the internet (or keyboard warriors). If someone has an issue or problem with the complex, I would rather be spoken to about it there & then so maybe an answer could be given straight away. An open dialogue is more productive than comments on the internet.

For information.

Tee Boxes – some are now off mats, those out of commission have been over-sanded and seeded to promote growth while weather still good ahead of next year, this will pay dividends going forward. Mark mentioned that the rubber tees need to be changed, this will be addressed.

Pitch & Putt – will be closed at the end of October. There needs to be an archaeological survey done to make sure there are no Bronze Age or Roman artifacts due to nearby sites (Caesars Camp, Bill Hill Bronze Age Barrow etc).





Congratulations

At the UKPCC National Final at the Shropshire Golf Club several members competed in various divisions. Below are the results.

Mens - Dale Williams 1st Div 2 (5th Overall), Barney Hall (14th Overall) & Pierre Featherby (50th Overall)

Ladies - Vicky Motley retained overall 1st place, Alison Wooley 3rd Div 1 (6th Overall), Edmee Murray (12th Overall)

Committee Vacancies

We have filled the vacancies for Welfare Officer and Externals Organiser but are still looking for someone for the clubs Strategy Role.

Knockouts Organiser – Kevin Lee will be returning to the role.

Are You Interested in Contributing as a Committee Member? Contact anyone of the committee named on our website to register your interest, new ideas and new people are always welcomed.

Competitions Report – June to August 2025

Competition Winners:

17th August – August medal, 71 (C/Back), Rahul Prabhune (from 4 others)

21st August – Midweek Stableford, 42, Michael Mortensen

28th August – Midweek Medal, 69, Mark Ingram

29th August – Seaford Head Away Day, 35, Ian Holder

4th September – Seniors Midweek Medal, 66, Iain Wilson

6th September – September Medal, 69, George Friedman

6th/7th September – Club Championship, 152 (C/Back), Mark Ingram (from Riaan Matthysen)

Club Tour to Turkey – George Woods

11th September – Midweek Stableford, 31 (C/Back), Ted Rogers (from Richard Payler)

14th September – September Bogie, 3 up (C/Back), Kevin Lee (from Nick Murtagh)

18th September – Midweek Medal, 71, Mike Frawley

25th September – 50th Anniversary Texas Scramble, 56, Kevin Maguire, Harjinder Chana, Jason Lewis,

28th September – Autumn Medal, 69 (C/Back), Alan Mills (from Dale Williams)



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2nd October – Seniors Midweek Stableford, 42, Kevin Maguire

4th October – Mat Carroll (Match against Downshire), 4 ½ to 1 ½, EGC Winners

9th October – Midweek Stableford, 40, Tony Newson

11th October – October Medal, 66, Sean Wheatley

16th October – Midweek Medal, 70, Harjinder Chana (Simon Harrison 70, ineligible winner as <6 EGC Qualifiers)

Midweek Player of the Year – Nigel Nutsford 107 points

Player of the Year – Simon Stephens 149 points

Stevens Salver – Richard Gater Net 212

Seniors Midweek Eclectic – Paul Stephens Net 59

Bill Glennon Summer Eclectic – Riaan Matthysen Net 61

Away Weekend 2026: 32 currently signed up for weekend of 26th March. Venue now confirmed as The Cotswold GC, Oxfordshire (Tudor Park venue unavailable). Thorpeness Booked for March 2027.

Away Days 2025: 36 Currently signed up for Winter Hill on the 24th October (2 in Reserve).

Away Days 2026: Wycombe Heights booked for 23rd February. Hurtmore GC booked for the Captains Away Day on the 25th June, and Woldingham GC booked for the 23rd October.

Matt Carroll Team



Competition Entries

Just a quick note on how to enter any competition.

You should sign up on Master Scoreboard. Competitions will open approximately 6 weeks prior to each competition, 10 weeks for the majors, and will remain open until approximately 10 days prior to the date of the competition.

Once the entry has been closed and you want to be added to the start sheet, you will be added to a reserve list. You will only be added if someone else has dropped out of the competition.

This has been in place throughout this year and was brought in due to the 600+ changes made to start sheets of the various midweek & weekend competitions throughout 2024.



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Message from Dean Pullen, Competitions Secretary

Winter Competitions

Having trialed mixed tee competitions during this year, we are planning to make all winter competitions, except the Ray Winter League, from the 1st November to the 31st March mixed tee competitions. To implement this, it will be dependent on agreeing the correct course set up with the Complex as, under the current course set up (see below) we cannot put this plan in place. Once implemented we are hoping this move will keep more members playing during the winter months. In preparation, I will circulate a list of the tee preferences already chosen for you all to review, so if you are not on the list, or wish to change your preference, you can let me know before the competitions start.

Course Set Up

Due to the current course set up, a mixture of grass tees and mats, competitions will be non-handicap qualifying until further notice due to the fact the course is not rated under this set up. We will be working with the Complex to see if we can resolve this situation so we can get back to qualifying competitions as soon as possible. As the winter months set in, we will be monitoring the course conditions to ensure the handicap qualifying status of competitions is reviewed on a competition by competition basis.

Treasurer – Update from Steve Cross

Treasurer Notes

I'm happy to confirm that there is an option to pay towards the cost of the France weekend or the Tour by instalments. If you should choose this method, please advise me so I can expect to receive these payments and ensure the reference is 'NAME-Tour or France'. Any questions please ask me.

Please keep an eye on your purse balances as failure to have sufficient funds will result in you being excluded from all prizes (including nearest the pin) for that competition.

Steve Cross, Hon Treasurer, 8th October 2025



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Membership – Update from Stephen Eddy

We have had several new members join us recently, please welcome them and show them why our club is the friendliest in Berkshire.

Welcome to –

Brian Lake
Simon Harrison
David Stockle
Teddy Tzegazeab
Steven Dixon

Seniors Section– Update from Les Smith

Summer friendly matches

Results since the last meeting:-

Bird Hills	AWAY	Lost 2-4
Huntswood	HOME	Won 4-2

Over the season we won 4, drawn 3, and lost 6, with 1 abandoned. A full report on the season has been sent out with this report

All matches for 2026 season have been agreed with the opposition and Dean has set the dates up on Master Scoreboard with a sign-up available from 1st February.

Mitchell-Thompson NAPGC

We came 4th on the finals day, the winners were Farnham Park. Results were

Farnham Park	148 points
Rose Hill	141
Hainault Forest	135
Easthampstead	129

A great achievement to get to the finals day though.

M4 winter league

We won our first match in the league – an excellent result as it was away from home (and a good start for Alisdhair who organised this match)

Results

Studley Wood	AWAY	Won 3-1
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Knockouts – Update from Steve Hambly

Results

George Richardson KO was won by Barney Hall.

Griffith Pairs KO was won by Paul Ashfield and Keith McGroary.

Ian Nicholson Seniors Pairs KO was won by Les Smith and Nicholas Murtagh.

Jeff Retallic Senior Singles KO was won by Steve Hambly.

Tim Barter KO was won by Simoen Coles.

Captains Prize KO was won by Dale Williams

Winter Knockout draw completed on Monday 13th October (see KO Draws on Master Scoreboard)

Please read the Knockout Rules and play your matches before the cut-off dates.



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Next matches are :

Monday 20th October	TYLNEY PARK	Home	9 signed up
Tuesday 28th October	HADDEN HILL	Home	8 signed up
Wednesday 5th November	TYLNEY PARK	Away	7 signed up
Tuesday 18th November	STUDLEY WOOD	Home	6 signed up

Webmaster – Chris Corbett’s tip of the month

Tip 48: Competition Results: A reminder that although results of club competitions are available in Master Scoreboard to view, these may differ from the *official* result after club rules are applied. Official results are those published on the club website, and can be viewed either by selecting one of the latest results in the left hand column on a PC (near the end of the Home Screen on a phone), or by clicking the ‘Competition Results’

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