



MALVERNIAN
SOCIETY

OM GOLFING SOCIETY

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REPORT

The Old Malvernian Golfing Society continues to thrive as a lively, welcoming, and social society. With over 320 members, it hosts over 30 events annually including matches, meetings and dinners held across the country at some of the UK's most coveted golf courses such as St George's Hill, Sunningdale, Royal Cinque Ports, Walton Heath, Royal Porthcawl, Blackwell, Formby, Woking and The Berkshire.

Our fixture list is exceptional - unrivalled in both quality and variety. Importantly, these events cater not only to our accomplished scratch golfers (of whom we have a fine contingent) but also to high- and mid-handicap players. The bonds that unite us are few yet significant: the College, golf, and a desire to have fun.

Throughout the year, our scratch golfers were actively engaged in various competitions. Malvern claimed victory in the **Senior Darwin Tournament 16th June 2024** - a scratch foursomes match play event for players over 65 - held at Woking Golf Club.

The winning team comprised Bruce Streather (8.59-64) (non-playing captain), David Price (7.69-73), Simon Dalby (3.72-76), Guy Davis (8.72-76), Peter Desmond (3.67-72), Philip Manduca (SH.73-75), and Mark Dunn (8.71-76).



The team (left to right): David Price (7.69-73), Simon Dalby (3.72-76), Guy Davis (8.72-76), Bruce Streather (C) (8.59-64), Peter Desmond (3.67-72), Philip Manduca (SH.73-75), Mark Dunn (8.71-76)



Malvern competed in the prestigious **Halford Hewitt Tournament 11-14th April 2024** at Royal Cinque Ports and Royal St George's. The team progressed to third round before falling to a strong Rossall team. We continue to enjoy unparalleled support at this event, and in the 2024 Centenary Year, we celebrated our largest gathering of supporters yet - a fitting tribute to our heritage. Notably, 'Suzie' Mellin, our first captain, was one of the Hewitt's founding members and served as the first Hon Secretary of the Public Schools Golfing Society from 1924 to 1950. Our dedicated supporters made the most of the dining room and wine list at Royal St George's and enjoyed a convivial evening at Stephen Wilkinson's (1.88) home in Sandwich.

This year marked a significant milestone for William Beeson (2.86-88) who joined ten other OM's in playing 100 matches at the Halford Hewitt. His centenary achievement made him the first OM to complete 100 matches alongside his father, Bob Beeson (2.55-59), forming the first OM 'father and son' duo to do so—and only the second in the tournament's history (after Peter & Mark Benka of Charterhouse in 2023).



The Spring Meeting at St George's Hill on 7th May was held under perfect blue skies with 38 OMs gathering for a friendly 18-hole competition in the morning and 9-hole Stableford after lunch.

The Society's Annual Dinner was held at the Caledonian Club on Friday 31st January, where 50 members and guests enjoyed speeches by Captain Ian Timberlake and his guest, John Bushell. Other notable dinners included the Halford Hewitt Centenary Dinner at Grosvenor House Hotel on Wednesday 10th January, as well as pre-event dinners for our four major meetings at St George's Hill, Blackwell, Formby and Royal Cinque Ports.

A special mention goes to Tony Ensor (SH.55) who has masterminded the Northern Meeting at his home club, Formby, for 50 years, and his friend Roger Pitts (4.54) who has attended every single Northern Meeting for 52 consecutive years - a truly remarkable achievement.

Our handicap match-play knockout competition, the Arnell Bowl, played against the Old Reptonians, was won by Charlie Hickman (5.18) who triumphed over Nigel Brown (6.68) in the final at Sunningdale.

If you've made it this far, and you're not yet a member of the Old Malvernian Golfing Society, then it's time to join—clearly, you're intrigued! To get involved, please contact Simon Hooper (Hon Secretary) at stshooper@outlook.com.





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