

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY GOLF LTD - ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

2022 saw us back to a full schedule of events after the COVID disruption and all competitions and matches were completed during the year. The results of all fixtures are included below.

We have welcomed a new Finance Director in Jon Cray who took over from the long standing and greatly appreciated Chris Gupwell. The Board has also welcomed Clive Werrett who is advising on some of the Governance work required.

1st, 2nd and Senior Team Captains enter their second term in 2023 and Kieron Austin, Mark Dunkley and Anthony Hill are joined by Junior Captains, Alex Perry (U14), Teddy Fee (U16) and Cassius Blake (U18). The setup within the Juniors has developed with Anthony Hill our Director of Golf now co-ordinating Junior golf matters, with Junior Organiser Mark Hewlett and team managers Luke Perry (U14), Kevin Fee (U16), and assistant manager Mark Evans. A notable achievement for the County boys in 2022 was the winning of the West Midland League, followed up by winning the Midland League play-off against Cambridgeshire.

On WHS, we delivered, in conjunction with Worcestershire & Herefordshire Ladies, an England Golf WHS presentation to 29 of our clubs, which we hope has assisted clubs in managing handicaps.

In March this year we were sad to have to let members know of the passing of John Moreton. John was hugely respected within Worcestershire golf. As a county junior organiser, he furthered the aims and ambitions of many aspiring junior golfers; he became County President in 2007. An author of two books on the courses of James Braid and a history of Worcestershire golf, his knowledge and interest in golf was extensive.

Course Rating

Over the last twelve months the County Course Rating Team has provided 15 clubs with updated or additional course ratings. These have included ratings for tees on a 'gender free' basis and new sets of tees (eg for 'winter courses'), as well as the full re-rating of Redditch Kingfisher as part of the current 10 year rating cycle. From this year it is planned that the focus will shift to full course re-ratings with four clubs being included in the 2023 programme.

Working with Worcestershire & Herefordshire Ladies County Golf Ltd (W&HLCG Ltd)

As reported at last year's General Meetings we worked during 2022 with W&HLCG Ltd to explore the possibility of merging into a single county body. While the outcome did not result in a recommendation to merge at this stage, in part due to the need for further work to be done on aspects of finance and administration, both organisations agreed to continue to seek opportunities to work together more closely and to continue to assess the benefits and viability of merging.

Golf and Compliance Policies

The following golf policies have been reviewed for 2023 and are now on the County website: Terms of Competitions, Pace of Play and Transportation policies and players code of conduct. As part of our data protection measures the privacy policy has been extended to include a Confidentiality Agreement. Safeguarding policies are being reviewed and updated in line with the International Standards Organisation (ISO) approach, and are with England Golf for ratification.

Equality Diversity & Inclusion (ED&I)

In response to the England Golf requirement that all counties introduce an approved ED&I policy by September 2023, WCG Ltd and Worcestershire & Herefordshire Ladies County Golf Limited will be adopting a common ED&I policy.

2022 RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS	
107th County Championship	Droitwich GC
Gold Medal & Putter	Richard Sadler (Moseley GC)

Silver Medal	Tom Wakeman (Hagley GC)
Bronze Medal	Kieron Austin (Hagley GC)
Philip Padmore (Nett)	Jason Danks (Stourbridge GC)
Youth Champion	Tom Wakeman (Hagley GC)
GD Carr	Richard Sadler (Moseley GC)
Thomson-James (A Teams)	Moseley GC A
Jubilee Shield (B Teams)	Worcester GC B
73rd Worcestershire Open Championship	Moseley GC
Guy Bigwood Cup	Adam Norman (Moseley GC)
Gold Medal (Leading Amateur)	Adam Norman (Moseley GC)
The Union Tankard (Professionals)	Martin Payne (Sapey GC)
The Secretaries Bowl (Amateurs)	Dan Wakeman (Hagley GC)
47th Worcestershire Matchplay Champs	Blackwell GC
Winner - The Derek Greey Cup	Louie Stott (Bewdley Pines GC)
Runner Up	Evan Lewis (Droitwich GC)
The Senior Matchplay Championship	Redditch GC
Winner - The Senior Matchplay Salver	Duncan Macpherson (Worcester G&CC)
Runner Up	John Mangan (Hollywood GC)
The Boys Matchplay Championship	Redditch GC
Winner - The John Fraser Cup	Louie Stott (Bewdley Pines GC)
Runner Up	Cassius Blake (Kings Norton GC)
The 4th Redditch Trophy	Final played at Blackwell GC
Winners	Redditch GC
Runners Up	Little Lakes GC
The 50th Droitwich Shield	Final played at Blackwell GC
Winners	Moseley GC
Runners Up	Churchill & Blakedown GC
The 20th Kidderminster Cup	Final played at Blackwell GC
Winners	Moseley GC
Runners Up	Gaudet Luce GC
The 6th R&A Salver Knockout	Final played at Blackwell GC
Winners	Rosehill GC
Runners Up	Little Lakes GC
The 66th Boulton Salver	Moseley GC
Winners	Alfie & George Cook (Stourbridge GC)
Runners Up	Andrew Innes & James Neale (Churchill & Blakedown GC)
The 76th Brandhall Gold Vase	Kidderminster GC
Winners	Rose Hill GC
Best Individual Nett Score - EGU Salver	Steve Frost (Rose Hill GC)
The Boys Championship	Hagley Golf Club
Winner - Mansell Cup	Louie Stott (Bewdley Pines GC)
Runner Up	Dan Wakeman (Hagley GC)
Best Nett - Rigbey Cup	George Stephens (Gaudet Luce GC)
U16 Champion - Brian Peplow Trophy	Phillip Krone (Moseley GC)
U14 Winner - The Jim Gray Trophy	Alex Perry (Gaudet Luce GC)
Club Champions - Miram Salver	George Stephens, Harry Evans, Max Wesley (Gaudet Luce GC)
The 43rd Senior Championship	Kings Norton
Winner - Nevil Carroll Salver	Duncan Macpherson (Worcester GC)
Runner Up	John Mangan (Hollywood GC)

Best Nett - The Denis Hayes Salver	Neil Mallett (Warley Woods GC)
The 23rd Senior Fourball Champs	
Winners - Wharrad Jugs	Duncan Macpherson (Worcester GC) & Anthony Hill (Moseley GC)
Runners Up	Andrew Longley (The Worcestershire GC) & Phillip Shurmer (Worcester GC)
Best Nett - Aberdovey Salvors	Gary Hewitt (Kings Norton GC) & James Kirby (Kings Norton GC)
The 7th Club Team Handicap Tournament	
Team Winners - Dave McDermott Bowl	David Pitt, Colin Bullock, Barry Corbett (Stourbridge GC)
Individual Winner - Brenda Smith Cup	Jason Nicholls (Hollywood GC)
The Worcs & Herefordshire Mixed Event	Redditch Golf Club
Winners - The Mixed Salver	Gill & Rid Dawson (Redditch GC)
Runners Up	Ros & John Daws (Redditch GC)
The Captain & Guest Invitational	The Worcestershire GC
Winners	Michael Turner & Jack Turner (Rose Hill GC)
Runners Up	Dean Pointin & Chris Hobbs (Gaudet Luce GC)
The Peter Adams Trophy	Worcester G&CC
Winners	Darren Element, Sean Element, Stewart Marshall, Phillip Thompson (Dudley GC)
The Presidents Shield (most 1st team pts)	
Winner	Jack Severn (Cleobury Mortimer GC)
The Chandler Shield (most 2nd team pts)	
Winner	Simon Green (Worcester GC)
The Bolton Shield (most Senior team pts)	
Winner	Duncan Macpherson (Worcester GC)
The Cunningham Trophy (most Boys team pts)	
Winner	Dan Wakeman (Hagley GC)
The Bill Thompson Trophy (most U16 boys team pts)	
Winner	Mark Hewlett (Gaudet Luce GC)
Worcestershire Boys Order of Merit	
Winner - John Moreton Trophy	Harry Hawkesford (Bromsgrove GC)
Senior Rookie of the Year	Phil Dyke (Bromsgrove)
County Team Midland League Results	Winners
1st Team	Captain Kieron Austin (Hagley GC)
v Derbyshire	Halved 7.5-7.5
v Nottinghamshire	Lost 6.5-8.5
v Shropshire & Herefordshire	Won 10.5-4.5
v Staffordshire	Lost 7-8
v Warwickshire	Lost 5-10
2nd Team	Captain Mark Dunkley (Moseley GC)
v Derbyshire	Won 8-7
v Nottinghamshire	Lost 4.5-10.5
v Shropshire & Herefordshire	Won 8-7
v Staffordshire	Lost 7-8
v Warwickshire	Won 9-6
Senior Team	Captain Anthony Hill (Moseley GC)
v Derbyshire	Won 15-3
v Shropshire & Herefordshire	Lost 7-11
v Staffordshire	Halved 9-9

v Warwickshire	Lost 7.5-10.5
Boys Team	Captain Phil Krone (Moseley GC)
v Derbyshire	Lost 6-9
v Shropshire & Herefordshire	Won 11.5-3.5
v Staffordshire	Won 9-6
v Warwickshire	Won 9-6
Boys U16 Team	Captain Mark Hewlett (Gaudet Luce GC)
v Derbyshire	Won 12 - 3
v Shropshire & Herefordshire	Lost 6.5 - 8.5
v Staffordshire	Lost 6 - 9
v Warwickshire	Lost 5 - 10
Boys U14 Team	Captain Harry Evans (Gaudet Luce GC)
v Derbyshire	Won 3.5 & 1.5
v Shropshire & Herefordshire	Lost 3-2
v Staffordshire	Won 3-2
v Warwickshire	Won 3.5 & 2.5
Midland Group Qualifying for England Golf County Championship Finals	
Men	played at Overstone Park GC
9th place	
Kieron Austin, Steve Lane, Richard Sadler, Nathan Slater, Tom Wakeman, Ben Woodward	
Seniors	played at Birstall GC
3rd place	
Peter Desmond, Anthony Hill, Duncan Macpherson, Dave Marshall, Phillip Shurmer, Paul Walters	
Boys	played at Longcliffe GC
2nd place	
Cassius Blake, James Humphries, James Ilsley, Mark Hewlett, Philip Krone, Louie Stott.	
Boys 4 Counties	played at Stratford Park GC
2nd place	
Louie Stott, Thomas Blizzard, Phillip Krone, Elliot Jones, Dan Wakeman, Thomas Lennon, James Ilsley, Mark Hewlett	
Boys Severnside Tournament	played at Whitchurch GC
3rd place	
Tom Lennon, James Humphries, James Ilsley, Philipp Krone, George Stephens, Dan Wakeman, Elliot Jones.	
Other Notable Achievements	
Boys Midland League Winners	U18 Team
England Team Selection	Hugh Adams
Stowe Putter (3rd win in succession)	Hayden Sarfo
2022 Midland Mid-Amateur Open Championship	Richard Sadler
EG Boys U18 County Championship (Mid land Qualifier)	2nd place
England team selection 2022/23	Hugh Adams
Midland Boys Junior CoC	Phil Krone
West Midland League Winners	U18 boys team
Best Nett Midland U14 Boys County Championships	Oliver Badger
EG Junior Champion Club	Gaudet Luce (2 nd place)
Most County Team appearances	Richard Sadler
Midland Region Squad Selection	Phillip Krone & James Ilsley