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2024 Golf Society Review - Special Reprint Edition



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Herefordshire Provincial Golf Society 2024 Roundup

16th May Match against Gwent Monmouthshire Golf Club

The Herefordshire Masonic Golf Society members played their first match of the season at Llanfoist, which saw the Monmouthshire Golf Club take on Gwent Masonic golf members on Thursday 16th May.

Herefordshire was well represented and the match was played in a spirit expected amongst the Brethren. I am pleased to say we managed the scrape a win, one of the first away from home, which we hope will continue for this season. It comes with a trophy, which we retain from the previous year so a big thank you to all that played.

They are a good crowd from Gwent and it is always enjoyable to play them. The weather stayed fair and we managed to stay dry, which was more than I could say for those following us whom we watched during the meal being soaked. As always the meal was very good and the course played well, although there was some ground water still present on a few holes, which was expected due to the recent unsettled weather all-round.

We have no games during June but a busy July and August ahead. The dates have been circulated but will be followed up with notifications via email.

We still have a number of Ping golf shirts with our Masonic badge for sale. If interested please contact me with your size.

We will also be running a silent auction for a 4 ball with funds going to HMCA. The prize is a 4 ball at the prestigious Machynys Peninsula Golf Club in Llanelli. The value is over £150 which will expire at the end of December 2024. Further details will be sent around shortly via the Lodge Secretaries but if you can't wait then contact [Dave Gwynne](#) for more details.

So, those not ready, I say dust off the clubs and come and join us and support the Province.

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WBro Dave Gwynne
Society Secretary

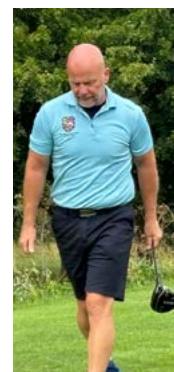


4th July Match against Gloucestershire Wormsley Golf Club

The match against Gloucestershire at the beginning of July was held at Wormsley Golf Club. The course had improved since we last played it and the warmer weather provided an opportunity to use a buggy to get around, even though we did get some rain. The course itself was in good condition given the changing weather.

The match itself was a 'better ball' stableford where all scores added to the final result. Unfortunately we were unable to continue with our winning form, our culmination score falling short by 8 points so Gloucestershire retained the trophy for the next 12 months. Better luck next time!

Gloucestershire always provide a good crowd so the post game meal provided a good opportunity to recall highlights of the match without taking it too seriously. Our Herefordshire team member, Cain Wellings donated a bottle of very good whiskey which we managed to raise funds for HMCA.





23rd July Ten Provinces Match Tewkesbury Park

The Golf Section defended the Ten Provinces trophy that we won last year; on this occasion it was held and hosted by Gloucestershire and played at Tewkesbury.

Unfortunately we were unable to defend the trophy coming third behind first place Worcestershire and second place Gloucestershire.

Herefordshire will be hosting this next year and it is hoped that we will use this as an opportunity to raise funds towards our next Charity Festival. We are therefore looking for sponsors for holes. If you know of any companies that would support this, please let me know. We will need members support on the day, but we will keep you informed in the coming months.



6th August Tri-angular Match against Worcestershire and Shropshire Burghill Valley Golf Club

Our Club President RW Bro Michael Holland, the Provincial Grand Master for Herefordshire, attended to support the team. Worcestershire and Shropshire were also supported by senior members of their Provincial teams. We were blessed with warm weather and the course was in prime condition.

Those playing were very impressed and pleased with the golf and two course meal afterwards. At the meal we ran a raffle which raised £160 for the golf section.

On this occasion, we were winners of the match between Herefordshire and Shropshire but second in our match with Worcestershire although only by 2 points. Shropshire also lost their matches to Worcester. We are already looking forward to next year when Shropshire will be the hosts.





Silent Auction Winner

The winner of our recent silent auction was Bro Scott McHattie.

The auction was for a 4 ball complementary golf gift with a value of £150 to play the prestigious Machynys Peninsular Golf Club in Llanelli; the expiry date is the 31st of December 2024. The prize was donated by Mrs Jones through W Bro Kevin Jones.

Finally I would like to thank all the members who have supported the section throughout the year and look forward to 2025.



15th September Provincial Championship and Open South Herefordshire Club

Our final event of the season saw the Provincial Championships and Open held this year at the South Herefordshire Golf Club, on Sunday 15th September, with nine Masonic members and four guests; we also had the company of W Bro Andrew Moore, the photographer for the day, ably assisted by his daughter, Hannah.

As usual this was a Gross/Net and Stableford competition for the Herefordshire golfers and a Stableford for the guests, with two nearest the pin challenges on the 7th and 17th, the latter of which is a real tester as those who have played South Herefordshire will testify.

Winners:

Best Gross was W Bro Colin Kerfoot
Best Net was W Bro Des Watkins
Best Stableford Bro Norman Goodman.

Nearest the Pin:

On the 7th Colin Kerfoot
On the 17th Dave Hails (guest)

Other Prizes:

There were also prizes for the Best Visiting Mason, Brian Gargett (Gloucestershire), who has become a regular to our event and non-Mason's guest.

We were joined for the meal after the golf by our RW PGM Michael Holland and his wife Christine and the VW DPGM Graham King and his wife Jackie.

The course was in very good condition with some long and challenging holes, particularly long for those of us who have lost distance with age, but none the less enjoyable. I must congratulate the catering staff who provided us with our meals; all in all a very good day.

We have started to plan for 2025, which hopefully will be a big year as we host the 10 Provinces Midland

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Competition, which will be played at Ross on Wye Golf Club.

The golf sections are looking to use that as the start of a contribution towards the Provinces festival year.



Provisional Match Dates for 2025

AGM 12th March 2025

Masonic Centre Kyrle Street Hereford

The year will kick off with the AGM on Wednesday 12th of March commencing at 7pm.

Those members listed on the golf section will receive minutes from the last meeting 2024.

We will be looking to elect a Vice Captain, Secretary and Treasurer please let me know anyone who would like to be nominated.

Please let David Gwynne know also if you are unable to attend and your apologies will be recorded.

10 Provinces Battle Jug – 30th July 2025

Ross on Wye Golf Club

2025 will be a particularly import year as the Province will be hosting the 10 Provinces Battle Jug event which is set for the 30th July and held at The Ross-on-Wye Golf Club we are hoping to get sponsors for the holes on the course, the proceeds of which will go towards our Festival year 2026, so please if you have anyone you think might support this please bring it to the meeting.

Match against Gwent – 30th May 2025

South Herefordshire Golf Club

Our First match will be against Gwent on the 30th May at South Herefordshire Golf Club followed by a match against Gloucestershire, date and time to be confirmed, and Annual Triangular match is on the 6th August at Telford Golf and Country Club Tee off time 1200hrs. The Provincial open, venue and date tbc.

Match against Gloucestershire

Date and Venue to be confirmed

Annual Triangular Match – 6th August 2025

Telford Golf and Country Club

Tee off time 12:00hrs

Provincial Open Tournament

Date and Venue to be confirmed

Photos from the Provincial Championship and Open South Herefordshire Club
15th September 2024 South Herefordshire Club



Clockwise from top left

Best Gross was W Bro Colin Kerfoot
Best Net was W Bro Des Watkins
Best Stableford Bro Norman Goodman.

W Bro Dave Gwynne receives his trophy from a previous match against Gwent.
W Bro Dave Griffiths with his raffle prize
Best Visiting Mason Brian Gargett (Gloucestershire)

