

Handicap and Results Report – LEGS 2022 Season

The first full playing season since the Covid pandemic saw a healthy spread of results throughout the year. The LEGS 2022 Season was played using the revised handicap system that was agreed at the 2021 AGM making use where possible of members WGU Handicap Indexes then applied to a common base which is playing from the Yellow Tees at our adopted home course of Bedford and County. Members without an official WGU membership, of which there are a growing number, could apply to the handicap secretary for a 'fair' handicap which became their starting point.

Standard LEGS handicap changes were then applied throughout the year based on members playing performances.

Using this formula seemed to work well and produced a much more diverse group of winners at both ends of the spectrum of points than previous years

Summary Results

The overall results are as follows.

LEGS 2022 Summary Results									
	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
	Wellingborough	Verulum	St Neots	Mid Herts	Bedford & County	Knebworth	Old Fold Manor	Pavenham	Dunstable Downs
Winner 1	Mike Webb	Jeff Wood	Henry Richardson	Bob Broomhall	Richard Shortland	Stephen Long	Paul Jones	Richard Sharpe	Pete Schofield
Runner Up	Colin Oates	David Steel	Jeff Wood	Richard Shortland	Pete Schofield	David Steel	Stephen Long	Jeff Wood	Martin Lavansch
Third	Pete Schofield	Bernard Henry	David Steel	Pete Schofield	Jeff Wood	Andrew Stevenson	Pete Schofield	Andrew Stevenson	Bernard Henry
Nearest Pin	No One	Colin Oates	Andrew Stevenson	David Steel	Andy Pohler	Richard Shortland	Mike Webb	Pete Schofield	Tom Inskip
Nearest Pin in 2	Bernard Henry	John Simpson	Pete Schofield	Pete Schofield	Mike Webb	Mike Webb	Eric Lavansch (Guest)	Colin Oates	David Steel
Wooden Spoon	Jeff Wood	Ray Beckman	Andy Pohler	Pete Sayers	Ian McLuskie	Mike Stockford	Bob Broomhall	Mike Webb	Graham Shennan
Boddington Cup					Alan Horn / Richard Shortland				

As you will see, we have had 9 different winners and 7 different runner ups and including the nearest the pin competitions, 19 members have managed to secure a bottle of wine for their efforts.

At the other end of the spectrum those people that have battled valiantly for the prized last place Wooden Spoon award have gained shots on their handicap which has meant that they haven't won it again and we have had 9 different people winning the wooden spoon with a great variety of handicaps.

I think this shows that the handicap system we have in place is working well allowing everyone a chance to win any of the available prizes.

Highest number of points achieved is 42 by Richard Shortland at Bedford and County and Jeff Wood at Verulum, closely followed by Richard Sharpe with 41 at Pavenham. It should be noted, that David Steel also carded a magnificent 42 points on a full 18 holes at Knebworth, but due to too many members not being able to complete their rounds due to adverse weather only the first 11 holes were deemed to count for all so his score was reluctantly reduced to 27 points. Lowest points achieved is 15 by Mike Stockford at Knebworth albeit only for 11 holes due to the weather.

Golfer of the Year

Overall results for 2022 were as tight as in previous years. Based on the Top 5 positions, Peter Schofield just comes out victorious by managing to win the final game of the year and just beating Jeff Wood who should be warmly congratulated with excellent performance for 4 of the top 5 games. If you are interested in your own position the full table is below:

		Top 5					Total	Rank
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th		
Ray	Beckman	6	9	10	18			
Bob	Broomhall	1	8	8	8	10	35	11
Richard	Ebbs	5	12					
Chris	Ellis	12	14					
Clive	Haywood	4	9	17	19			
Bernard	Henry	3	3	4	4	5	19	3
Alan	Horn	7	8	8	8	9	40	12
Tom	Inskip	4	5	6	6	7	28	6
Paul	Jones	1	3	5	11	13	33	9
Ron	Knox							
Martin	Lavansch	2	10	10				
Michael	Lennox							
Stephen	Long	1	2	4	6			
Ian	McLuskie	17						
Colin	Oates	2	6	6	12	20	46	14
Andy	Pohler	5	6	11	11	12	45	13
Henry	Richardson	1	4	7	10	12	34	10
Peter	Sayers	14	15	21				
Peter	Schofield	1	2	3	3	4	13	1
Richard	Sharpe	1	4	5	9			
Graham	Shennan	11	14	18				
Richard	Shortland	1	2	6	8	11	28	6
John	Simpson	7	10	12				
Howard	Smith							
David	Steel	2	2	4	7	8	23	4
Andrew	Stevenson	3	3	3	7	9	25	5
Mike	Stockford	9	15	22				
Craig	Templeton	10						
Mike	Webb	1	5	6	8	11	31	8
Jeff	Wood	1	2	2	3	7	15	2

Most Consistent Player

Unlike previous years, no one has managed to play better than their handicap in every outing that they played. Our nearest is Richard Sharpe who on his 4 outings has achieved an average of just over 32 points.

Looking at those players who have played more than 75% of the matches, ie 7 out of the 8 games, only three players have managed to turn in scores that average more than 30 points. Our Golfer of the Year, Pete Schofield averaged 31.67 followed by Jeff Wood with 31.29 and David Steel with 30.25, all should be very proud of their achievements over the year. This is the second year in a row that Mr. Wood has featured in this category, highlighting his consistent performance or incorrect handicap 😊

Full results are in the table below

LEGS 2022 Venues and individual Stableford Points											Total Points	Matches Attended	Points Rank	Average Points	Avg Pts Rank
	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November						
	Wellingborough	Verulum	St Neots	Mid Herts	Bedford & County	Knebworth	Old Fold Manor	Pavenham	Dunstable Downs						
Chris Ellis	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	21	dnp	dnp	dnp	21	1	26	21.00	25	
Clive Haywood	dnp	21	dnp	dnp	dnp	19	28	DNF	31	99	4	17	24.75	20	
Bernard Henry	25	35	30	29	27	24	dnp	37	32	239	8	5	29.88	8	
Alan Horn	21	27	27	29	29	21	29	32	24	239	9	5	26.56	17	
Tom Inskip	dnp	25	19	30	32	23	34	33	25	221	8	7	27.63	13	
Paul Jones	dnp	26	dnp	37	33	22	38	24	23	203	7	10	29.00	9	
Ron Knox	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	0	0	28			
Martin Lavansch	dnp	dnp	24	dnp	dnp	dnp	27	dnp	32	83	3	19	27.67	12	
Michael Lennox	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	0	0	28			
Stephen Long	25	34	dnp	dnp	dnp	27	38	dnp	dnp	124	4	16	31.00	4	
Ian McLuskie	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	22	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	22	1	25	22.00	23	
Colin Oates	29	32	DNF	dnp	dnp	21	27	34	dnp	143	5	13	28.60	10	
Andy Pohler	20	dnp	18	30	30	dnp	32	dnp	dnp	180	5	14	26.00	18	
Henry Richardson	dnp	31	35	28	36	21	dnp	31	dnp	182	6	11	30.33	5	
Peter Sayers	dnp	dnp	dnp	22	dnp	16	23	dnp	dnp	61	3	23	20.33	26	
Peter Schofield	28	30	28	33	38	22	36	34	36	285	9	1	31.67	2	
Richard Sharpe	25	33	dnp	dnp	30	dnp	dnp	41	dnp	129	4	15	32.25	1	
Graham Shennan	dnp	28	dnp	dnp	dnp	19	dnp	dnp	17	64	3	22	21.33	24	
Richard Shortland	dnp	Guest	dnp	39	42	23	23	25	30	182	6	11	30.33	5	
John Simpson	dnp	28	dnp	dnp	dnp	22	dnp	dnp	28	78	3	20	26.00	18	
Howard Smith	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	0	0	28			
David Steel	dnp	39	31	28	32	27	29	32	24	242	8	4	30.25	7	
Andrew Stevenson	23	29	31	29	25	26	23	40	25	251	9	2	27.89	11	
Mike Stockford	dnp	dnp	25	dnp	27	15	dnp	dnp	dnp	67	3	21	22.33	22	
Craig Templeton	20	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	20	1	27	20.00	27	
Mike Webb	29	25	30	26	31	21	27	24	31	244	9	3	27.11	15	
Jeff Wood	19	42	34	dnp	37	23	24	40	dnp	219	7	9	31.29	3	
Playing members	12	19	13	14	17	22	17	15	14						

Most Accurate Player

Judging accuracy by the nearest the Pin competition winners, results in us having two players who have tied with one NP and two NP2 wins each. These are Mike Webb and Pete Schofield. David Steel comes in next with two wins, so it seems that if you want to improve your accuracy you should become one of the officers of the Society. This is further evidenced by the fact that the only person to land Nearest the Pin twice in this season was myself, but due to the ruling that you cannot win two prizes in one game one of these was forfeited to Pete Schofield.

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Most Improved Player

The most improved Golfer of the Year based upon handicap percentage decrease was for the second year running Peter Schofield who managed to reduce his handicap from 16 to 11.5. This is a 28% improvement and shows that perhaps Pete has too high a handicap to start with!

In terms of absolute numbers, David Steel and Jeff Wood both reduced their handicap by 5 shots because of winning prizes.

Full results below:

		2022	2022	2022	Number	Overall	Improvement	Overall	Improvement
		Starting	Max	End	of Matches	Handicap	Rank	Handicap	Rank
		Handicap	Handicap	Handicap	Attended	Improvement		Improvement	
Ray	Beckman	26	28	28	4	0	16	0.0%	17
Bob	Broomhall	22	22	20	8	-2	11	9.1%	12
Richard	Ebbs	20	20	20	2	0	16	0.0%	17
Chris	Ellis		31	28	1	-3	7	9.7%	11
Clive	Haywood	18	18	18	4	0	16	0.0%	17
Bernard	Henry	22	22	19	8	-1	15	13.6%	8
Alan	Horn	19	19	19	9	0	16	0.0%	17
Tom	Inskip	18	18	18	8	0	16	0.0%	17
Paul	Jones	18	18	13.5	7	-4.5	4	25.0%	4
Ron	Knox	24	24	24	0	0	16		
Martin	Lavansch	29	29	27	3	-2	11	6.9%	16
Michael	Lennox	24	24	24	0	0	16		
Stephen	Long	20	20	16	4	-4	5	20.0%	6
Ian	McLuskie	28	30	30	1	0	16	0.0%	17
Colin	Oates	13	13	9.5	5	-2.5	10	26.9%	3
Andy	Pohler	9	9.5	9.5	5	0	16	0.0%	17
Henry	Richardson	27	27	24	6	-3	7	11.1%	10
Peter	Sayers	32	34	34	3	0	16	0.0%	17
Pete	Schofield	16	16	11.5	9	-4	5	28.1%	1
Richard	Sharpe	22	22	19	4	-3	7	13.6%	8
Graham	Shennan	26	26	28	3	2	30	-7.7%	27
Richard	Shortland	25	25	20	6	-5	1	20.0%	6
John	Simpson	12	12	12	3	0	16	0.0%	17
Howard	Smith	28	28	28	0	0	16		
David	Steel	22	22	16	8	-5	1	27.3%	2
Andrew	Stevenson	28	28	26	9	-2	11	7.1%	14
Mike	Stockford	22	24	22	3	-2	11	8.3%	13
Craig	Templeton	18	18	18	1	0	16	0.0%	17
Mike	Webb	14	14	13	9	0	16	7.1%	14
Jeff	Wood	31	33	25	7	-5	1	24.2%	5

Overall Handicap Position

The overall handicap position is shown below.

Handicaps		March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	
		Wellingborough	Verulum	St Neots	Mid Herts	Bedford & County	Knebworth	Old Fold Manor	Pavenham	Dunstable Downs	
		Handicap	Handicap	Handicap	Handicap	Handicap	Handicap	Handicap	Handicap	Handicap	
Ray	Beckman	26	26	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	
Bob	Broomhall	22	22	22	22	19	19	19	20	20	
Richard	Ebbs	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
Chris	Ellis						31	28	28	28	
Clive	Haywood	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	
Bernard	Henry	22	22	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
Alan	Horn	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	
Tom	Inskip	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	
Paul	Jones	18	18	18	18	15.5	15.5	15.5	13.5	13.5	
Ron	Knox	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	
Martin	Lavansch	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	
Michael	Lennox	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	
Stephen	Long	20	20	20	20	20	20	17	16	16	
Ian	McLuskie	28	28	28	28	28	30	30	30	30	
Colin	Oates	13	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
Andy	Pohler	9	9	9	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	
Henry	Richardson	27	27	27	24	24	24	24	24	24	
Peter	Sayers	32	32	32	32	34	34	34	34	34	
Pete	Schofield	16	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	14	14	13.5	13.5	
Richard	Sharpe	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	19	
Graham	Shennan	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	
Richard	Shortland	25	25	25	25	23	20	20	20	20	
John	Simpson	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
Howard	Smith	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	
David	Steel	22	22	21	20	20	20	18	18	18	
Andrew	Stevenson	28	28	28	28	28	28	27	27	26	
Mike	Stockford	22	22	22	22	22	22	24	24	24	
Craig	Templeton	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	
Mike	Webb	14	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	
Jeff	Wood	31	33	30	28	28	27	27	27	25	

Key	
	First
	Second
	Third
	Last

This picture includes that changes that would have been made because of the final match at Dunstable Downs.

As a reminder, our current adjustments are as follows

Members handicap adjustments									
	Winner	Runner-up	3rd place	2nd Last					Wooden Spoon
0-9	-1	- ½	0	0					0.5
10-19	-2	-1	- ½	1					1
20-28	-3	-2	-1	1					2

These adjustments will continue in 2023.

As agreed at the AGM, please confirm your WHS Personal Handicap Index to me by 23rd February 2023 for the start of the next season. If you do not have a HI then please declare to me and our Secretary, Peter Schofield what you believe your fair handicap would be when playing from the Yellow Tees at Bedford & County. This will be the starting position for the 2023 season.

Andrew Stevenson
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