

Handicap and Results Report – LEGS 2025 Season

Another excellent season of games which was played with some much better weather than 2024, again saw a healthy spread of results throughout the year. As agreed by all members at the AGM in 2024, no changes were made to the handicap system. Our Secretary kindly confirmed members' WGU Handicap Indexes at the beginning of the year and an initial playing handicap was then established by applying the HI to a common base - playing from the Yellow Tees at our adopted home course of Bedford and County. When members do not possess a HI then an initial 'fair' handicap is given as a starting point.

The increase in maximum handicap and rollover of handicaps for non-affiliated golf club members from the previous season did help some members who are starting out on their golf journey to enjoy the game more and compete with others who were well along the journey!

The ongoing removal of gimmies continued and did not seem to slow down the pace of play and allowed members to submit cards towards their handicaps. Standard LEGS handicap changes have been applied throughout the year based on members playing performances, much to the chagrin of some members. Using this formula seemed to work well and again produced a diverse group of winners at both ends of the spectrum of points.

It was fantastic to see our President Mike Webb back playing golf in the second half of the year and winning some prizes as well. Although for him everyday is a win.

Overall, 140 rounds have been started by members during the year which is up on 2024. Whilst the average number of members attending each game is also slightly up on last year at 16, which is great, we are seeing some significant variations in numbers through the year with some months up at 18 members and others down at 10-12. This does make budgeting very difficult as we tend to not get such good deals with lower numbers and means that often we are making either less profit or more loss than was forecast using an average of 16 members at each event.

We do understand that health and holiday commitments do make things difficult, but please do try to attend as many matches as possible. In 2025 no-one managed to attend all 9 games, but 7 members did attend 8 times.

It has been nice to welcome some guests along to the matches, some old friends and some new. It is particularly nice to see guests enjoy themselves so much that they ask to become full members. We have had 3 new members join this year, as we welcomed Andrew Randall, Brian Bamber and John Paterson. Please do see if you have any friends, or not so bad enemies, that you could invite along to a game during the 2026 season.

As a trial this year, we have displayed all the individual results on the website for everyone playing along with any associated handicap changes. This has proved popular and is something that we plan to continue. I'd like to thank Andy Pohler our webmaster for facilitating this.

Summary Results

The overall results are as follows.

LEGS 2025 Summary Results									
	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
	South Beds	Wellingborough	St Neots	Mid Herts	Pavenham	Bedfordshire	Knebworth	Kettering	Bedford & County
Winner 1	Jeff Wood	Pete Schofield	David Steel	Henry Richardson	David Steel	Brian Bamber	Tom Inskip	Andrew Stevenson	Pete Schofield
Runner Up	Clive Haywood	Richard Shortland	Trevor Horwood	Jos Daalhuizen	Trevor Horwood	Andrew Stevenson	Andrew Randall	Brian Bamber	David Steel
Third	Paul Jones	Bob Broomhall	Bob Broomhall	Andrew Stevenson	Richard Sharpe	Pete Schofield	Paul Jones	Bernard Henry	Richard Shortland
Nearest Pin in 1	No One	Andrew Stevenson	Bernard Henry	Richard Sharpe	Tom Inskip	No One	Brian Bamber	Mike Webb	Bernard Henry
Nearest Pin in 2	Tom Inskip	Colin Oates	Colin Oates	Tom Inskip	Andrew Randall	Paul Jones	Andrew Randall	Richard Sharpe	Andrew Randall
Nearest Pin in 3	No One	No One	John Simpson	Andy Pohler	Jeff Wood	Colin Oates	Jeff Wood	Colin Oates	Pete Schofield
Wooden Spoon	Colin Oates	Jos Daalhuizen	Alan Horn	Peter Sayers	Henry Richardson	Mike Webb	Ray Beckman	Mike Webb	Bob Broomhall
Boddington Cup	Pete Schofield / David Steel								

As you will see, we have had 7 different winners and 8 different runner ups. Two members, David Steel and Pete Schofield have managed to be repeat winners, whilst Trevor Horwood has been runner-up twice.

Including the various nearest the pin competitions, 20 members have managed to secure a bottle of wine for their efforts. Four members, Colin, Tom, Andrew R and Pete have managed to win 4 bottles across all of the prize categories, with a further 7 members winning 3 bottles.

The change from a second 'Nearest the Pin in 2' to a 'Nearest the Pin in 3' prize has resulted in the prize being awarded more often than in 2024 with there being only two occasions when the bottle had to be auctioned off. But it does seem that we have very few long hitters in the membership with two people, Colin Oates and Jeff Wood each winning the award twice. We will therefore potentially look at alternative ways to make this more achievable to more members during the 2026 season.

At the other end of the spectrum there were 8 people that have battled valiantly for the prized last place Wooden Spoon award. This has been won by players with a 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.

High scores have once again dropped. Last year we had 3 games being won with a score of more than 40 points, whereas this year only 1 game was won with such a score. This was by the ever-skillful David Steel at Pavenham with 41 points. At the other end of the scoring, Andrew Stevenson managed to win our October outing at Kettering with a score of 34 points which at the time was thought to be one of the lowest winning scores ever, but looking back in our records there have been at least 6 occasions when a score of 32-34 has won an outing and one back in 2022 when Mike Webb triumphed at Wellingborough with 'just' 29 points.

Golfer of the Year

Overall results for 2025 were tighter than in previous years, with it coming down to the results of the last game of the year being the deciding factor. Our resident expert in winning this coveted trophy, Pete Schofield who has won it for 3 out of the last 4 years, tried his hardest again this year and managed to pip David Steel one of the other contenders by beating him on countback to win the last game. However, despite them both winning twice in 2025, they couldn't beat Andrew Stevenson who by coming 5th in the last game managed to squeeze into 1st place by a single point.

									Top 5	
		0	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Count	Total	Rank
Brian	Bamber		1	2	5	7	7	0	22	4
Ray	Beckman		10	13	17			2		
Bob	Broomhall		3	3	5	12	15	0	38	11
Jos	Daalhuizen		2	9	12	13	15	0	51	14
Richard	Ebbs		4	10				3		
Clive	Haywood		2	7	11			2		
Bernard	Henry		3	4	6	8	9	0	30	9
Alan	Horn		4	13	13	14	16	0	60	16
Trevor	Horwood		2	2	5	7	8	0	24	7
Tom	Inskip		1	4	5	6	6	0	22	4
Paul	Jones		3	3	4	8	10	0	28	8
Martin	Lavansch							5		
Stephen	Long		7	12	15	15		1		
Ian	McLuskie							5		
Colin	Oates		5	6	7	10	11	0	39	12
John	Paterson		5	5	10	14		1		
Andy	Pohler		9	10	10	12		1		
Andrew	Randall		2	4	6	8	12	0	32	10
Henry	Richardson		1	12	17			2		
Peter	Sayers		11	13	16			2		
Peter	Schofield		1	1	3	4	8	0	17	2
Richard	Sharpe		3	6	8	13	13	0	43	13
Graham	Shennan		6	7	11	13	14	0	51	14
Richard	Shortland		2	3				3		
John	Simpson		5					4		
Howard	Smith							5		
David	Steel		1	1	2	6	8	0	18	3
Andrew	Stevenson		1	2	3	5	5	0	16	1
Mike	Stockford							5		
Craig	Templeton							5		
Mike	Webb		9	10	12	14	16	0	61	17
Jeff	Wood		1	4	4	7	7	0	23	6

Most Consistent Player

Looking at those players who have played in more than 75% of the matches, i.e. 7 out of the 9 games, 5 players have managed to turn in scores that average more than 30 points. This is an increase over past years, so whilst high scores have decreased, the number of people carding greater than 30 points has steadily increased making it much tighter at the top. Tom Inskip is a clear winner this year for most consistent golfer with an average score over 7 rounds of 33 points.

Full results are in the following table

	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November					Total	Matches	Points	Avg	Avg
	South Beds	Wellingborough	St Neots	Mid Herts	Pavenham	Bedfordshire	Knebworth	Kettering	Bedford & County	Max Pts	Opening Game Pts	Delta	Rank	Points	Attended	Rank	Points	Rank
Brian Bamber	dnp	24	dnp	dnp	35	39	29	32	29	39	24	15	1	188	6	10		
Ray Beckman	dnp	dnp	23	22	dnp	dnp	15	dnp	dnp	23	23	0	19	60	3	23		
Bob Broomhall	35	31	34	dnp	dnp	28	dnp	dnp	20	35	35	0	19	148	5	15		
Jos Daalhuizen	24	20	dnp	35	26	dnp	dnp	24	24	35	24	11	7	153	6	14		
Richard Ebbs	dnp	29	dnp	dnp	dnp	31	dnp	dnp	dnp	31	29	2	17	60	2	23		
Oliver Haywood	36	27	dnp	dnp	dnp	30	dnp	dnp	dnp	36	36	0	19	93	3	20		
Bernard Henry	29	dnp	33	32	34	32	29	31	25	34	29	5	12	246	8	3	30.75	4
Alan Horn	36	21	21	dnp	29	28	dnp	dnp	dnp	36	36	0	19	135	5	16		
Trevor Horwood	34	25	35	dnp	39	27	30	25	22	39	34	5	12	237	8	5	29.63	6
Tom Inskip	35	28	dnp	32	37	34	39	dnp	26	39	35	4	15	231	7	6	33.00	1
Paul Jones	36	25	dnp	dnp	dnp	36	33	dnp	28	36	36	0	19	158	5	12		
Martin Lavarsch	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	0	0	0	19	0	0	28		
Stephen Long	dnp	20	22	dnp	dnp	32	25	dnp	dnp	32	20	12	6	99	4	19		
Ian McLuskie	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	0	0	0	19	0	0	28		
Colin Oates	21	19	23	dnp	33	36	27	28	31	36	21	15	1	218	8	7	27.25	7
John Paterson	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	29	26	29	29	0	19	55	2	26		
Andy Pohler	dnp	dnp	27	28	30	dnp	28	dnp	dnp	30	27	3	16	113	4	18		
Andrew Randall	dnp	23	30	dnp	34	dnp	34	dnp	34	34	23	11	7	155	5	13		
Henry Richardson	25	dnp	dnp	39	21	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	39	25	14	5	85	3	21		
Peter Sayers	dnp	dnp	26	16	dnp	dnp	18	dnp	dnp	26	26	0	19	60	3	23		
Pete Schofield	22	36	25	21	34	36	32	dnp	37	37	22	15	1	243	8	4	30.38	5
Richard Sharpe	dnp	23	dnp	30	38	22	24	28	dnp	38	23	15	1	165	6	11		
Graham Shennan	27	20	32	32	22	26	22	dnp	23	32	27	5	12	204	8	8	25.50	8
Richard Shortland	dnp	33	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	34	34	33	1	18	67	2	22		
John Simpson	dnp	dnp	32	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	32	32	0	19	32	1	27		
Howard Smith	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	0	0	0	19	0	0	28		
David Steel	33	dnp	38	dnp	41	24	29	dnp	37	41	33	8	11	202	6	9		
Andrew Stevenson	28	29	29	33	31	37	dnp	34	32	37	28	9	10	253	0	1	31.63	2
Mike Stockford	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	0	0	0	19	0	0	28		
Craig Templeton	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	0	0	0	19	0	0	28		
Mike Webb	dnp	dnp	dnp	18	28	17	29	23	19	29	18	11	7	134	6	17		
Jeff Wood	39	27	31	32	34	32	22	31	dnp	39	39	0	19	248	8	2	31.00	3
	21	19	21	16	21	17	15	23	19									
	39	36	38	39	41	39	39	34	37									
	15	18	16	13	17	18	17	10	16	140	Total							
										16	Average							

Most Accurate Player

This year saw one of our ‘Nearest the Pin in 2’ challenge (that was introduced in 2024) replaced by a ‘Nearest the Pin in 3 ‘at each match. This year’s weather has seemed to allow better golf with only 4 prizes from the 27 on offer not being claimed and having to be auctioned off.

Despite what he feels has been one of his worst golfing years and based on number of wins, 4, Colin Oates is our most accurate player, although his wins have all been on the multiple shot holes. Bernard Henry is our most accurate player based on single shot holes with two wins on the Nearest the Pin holes

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Nearest Pin in 1	No One	Andrew Stevenson	Bernard Henry	Richard Sharpe	Tom Inskip	No One	Brian Bamber	Mike Webb	Bernard Henry
Nearest Pin in 2	Tom Inskip	Colin Oates	Colin Oates	Tom Inskip	Andrew Randall	Paul Jones	Andrew Randall	Richard Sharpe	Andrew Randall
Nearest Pin in 3	No One	No One	John Simpson	Andy Pohler	Jeff Wood	Colin Oates	Jeff Wood	Colin Oates	Pete Schofield

Most Improved Player

Applying the changes to handicap that would have resulted from the final game of the year (although such changes will not apply to the start of 2026) would give the following results.

	2024	2025	2025	Number			
	End	Starting	End	of Matches	Overall	Improve	Overall
	Handicap	Handicap	Handicap	Attended	Handicap	ment	Handicap
					Change	Rank	Improvement
							%
Brian Bamber	19	19	16	6	-3	5	15.8%
Ray Beckman	28	28	30	3	2	26	-7.1%
Bob Broomhall	22	23	23	5	0	14	0.0%
Jos Daalhuizen	41	39	39	2	0	14	0.0%
Richard Ebbs	20	21	21	2	0	14	0.0%
Clive Haywood	19	19	17	3	-2	8	10.5%
Bernard Henry	19	18	17	8	-1	11	5.6%
Alan Horn	23	22	24	5	2	26	-9.1%
Trevor Horwood	18	19	15	8	-4	4	21.1%
Tom Inskip	15	17	17	7	0	14	0.0%
Paul Jones	17	17	15	5	-2	8	11.8%
Martin Lavansch	28	27	27	0	0	14	
Stephen Long	16	19	19	4	0	14	0.0%
Colin Oates	13	14	15	8	1	25	-7.1%
John Paterson	14	19	19	2	0	14	0.0%
Andy Pohler	10	10	10	4	0	14	0.0%
Andrew Randall	10	24	22	5	-2	8	8.3%
Henry Richardson	27	29	28	3	-1	11	3.4%
Peter Sayers	36	36	38	3	2	26	-5.6%
Pete Schofield	12	15	10	8	-5	2	33.3%
Richard Sharpe	23	23	22	6	-1	11	4.3%
Graham Shennan	20	20	20	8	0	14	0.0%
Richard Shortland	21	23	20	2	-3	5	13.0%
John Simpson	12	12	12	1	0	14	0.0%
Howard Smith	#N/A	33	33	0	0	14	
David Steel	16	19	14	6	-5	2	26.3%
Andrew Stevenson	23	28	22	8	-6	1	21.4%
Mike Webb	19	21	24	6	3	29	-14.3%
Jeff Wood	24	28	25	8	-3	5	10.7%

Using the measure of handicap improvement percentage, it can be seen the most improved Player of the Year was Pete Schofield who managed to reduce his handicap from 15 to 10 (33%) by the end of the year. This betters his achievement last year when he only managed a 25% improvement!

This 5 shot reduction is matched by David Steel who started on a one-shot higher handicap so (only) achieved a 26% reduction. Andrew Stevenson with a 6 shot reduction by the end of the year puts him at the top of the improvement ranking when measured by actual handicap improvement rather than the percentage.

Overall Handicap Position

The overall handicap position and how they changed during 2025 is shown below.

	2024	2025	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November Bedford & County	2025	Number
	End	Starting	South Beds	Wellingborough	St Neots	Mid Herts	Pavenham	Bedfordshire	Knebworth	Kettering		End	of Matches
	Handicap	Handicap	Handicap	Handicap	Handicap	Handicap	Handicap	Handicap	Handicap	Handicap	Handicap	Handicap	Attended
Brian Bamber	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	17	17	16	16	6
Ray Beckman	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	30	30	30	3
Bob Broomhall	22	23	23	23	22	21	21	21	21	21	21	23	5
Jos Daalhuizen	41	39	39	39	41	41	39	39	39	39	39	39	2
Richard Ebbs	20	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	2
Clive Haywood	19	19	19	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	3
Bernard Henry	19	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	17	17	8
Alan Horn	23	22	22	22	22	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	5
Trevor Horwood	18	19	19	19	19	18	18	17	17	15	15	15	8
Tom Inskip	15	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	7
Paul Jones	17	17	17	16	16	16	16	16	16	15	15	15	5
Martin Lavansch	28	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	0
Stephen Long	16	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	4
Colin Oates	13	14	14	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	8
John Paterson	14	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	2
Andy Pohler	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	4
Andrew Randall	10	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	22	22	22	5
Henry Richardson	27	29	29	29	29	29	26	28	28	28	28	28	3
Peter Sayers	36	36	36	36	36	36	38	38	38	38	38	38	3
Pete Schofield	12	15	15	15	13	13	13	13	12	12	12	10	8
Richard Sharpe	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	22	22	22	22	22	6
Graham Shennan	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	8
Richard Shortland	21	23	23	23	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	2
John Simpson	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	1
Howard Smith	#N/A	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	0
David Steel	16	19	19	19	19	17	17	15	15	15	15	14	6
Andrew Stevenson	23	28	28	28	28	28	27	27	25	25	22	22	8
Mike Webb	19	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	22	22	24	24	6
Jeff Wood	24	28	28	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	8

Key	
	First
	Second
	Third
	Last

This picture includes the changes that would have been made because of the final match at Bedford and County.

As a reminder, our current adjustments are as follows.

Members handicap adjustments							
		Winner		Runner-up	3rd place		Wooden Spoon
0-9		-1		-1	0		0
10-19		-2		-1	-1		1
20+		-3		-2	-1		2

Based upon the agreement at the 2025 AGM, this level of adjustment will continue in 2026 and we will not be increasing the penalty for scoring more than 40 points

Andrew Stevenson
November 2025