

Handicap and Results Report – LEGS 2023 Season

Another excellent season of games with some challenging weather conditions saw a healthy spread of results throughout the year. The LEGS 2023 Season was again played using the revised handicap system that was agreed at the 2021 AGM, making use where possible of members WGU Handicap Indexes which are then applied to a common base - playing from the Yellow Tees at our adopted home course of Bedford and County. We did make a small change to the maximum handicap being awarded within the rules where Society 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, it went up to 36 shots with no limit set on the maximum handicap that could be attained during the year.

In addition, this year we removed any 'gimmies' to ensure that members could return cards and remove the discrepancies that had built up in the length of gimmies being awarded. This proved to be successful and did not slow down the pace of play.

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

Using this formula seemed to work well and again produced a diverse group of winners at both ends of the spectrum of points.

2 members, our Captain Mike Webb and Bernard Henry managed to attend each game with 3 others managing 8 games. The average number of members attending each game is 15 with the most being 22 at Knebworth and the least being 11 at St Neots. 10 guests have joined us this year which is always encouraging.

Summary Results

The overall results are as follows.

LEGS 2023 Summary Results									
	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
	Wellingborough	Verulum	St Neots	Mid Herts	Bedford & County	Knebworth	Kettering	Pavenham	The Bedfordshire
Winner 1	David Steel	Jeff Wood	Mike Webb	Henry Richardson	David Steel	David Steel	Andrew Stevenson	Bernard Henry	Clive Haywood
Runner Up	Jeff Wood	Clive Haywood	Andrew Stevenson	Tom Inskip	Pete Schofield	Tom Inskip	Mike Webb	Stephen Long	Tom Inskip
Third	Clive Haywood	Stephen Long	Stephen Long	Pete Schofield	Ron Knox	Stephen Long	Jeff Wood	Tom Inskip	Pete Schofield
Nearest Pin	Colin Oates	David Steel	Colin Oates	No one	Andrew Stevenson	Pete Schofield	Colin Oates	Mike Webb	John Simpson
Nearest Pin in 2	Andy Pohler	Chris Ellis	Bernard Henry	Andrew Stevenson	Andy Pohler	Jeff Wood	No one	Clive Haywood	Pete Schofield
Nearest Pin 2									Clive Haywood
Wooden Spoon	Jos Daalhuizen	Pete Schofield	Henry Richardson	Andrew Stevenson	Chris Ellis	Pete Sayers	Jos Daalhuizen	Mike Webb	Mike Webb

As you will see, we have had 7 different winners and 7 different runner ups. Including the various nearest the pin competitions, 15 members have managed to secure a bottle of wine for their efforts.

At the other end of the spectrum there were 7 people that have battled valiantly for the prized last place Wooden Spoon award 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.

There have been some very high scores this year with 4 games out of 9 being won with a score of more than 40 points. Highest number of points achieved is 44 by Jeff Wood at Verulum. It should be noted that David Steel managed to win two of his matches with scores in excess of 40 points despite being heavily cut on his handicap after his first and second win.

Golfer of the Year

Overall results for 2022 were just as tight as in previous years. Based on the Top 5 positions, David Steel with his 3 wins just managed to beat Tom Inskip who again just managed to edge out the last two year winner Pete Schofield by one point. This shows the value of consistent play with Tom managing 4 results in the top 3. If you are interested in your own position the full table is below:

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Count	Total	Rank
Ray Beckman	9	20					3		
Bob Broomhall	5	6	7	7	13	0	38	12	
Jos Daalhuizen	12	13	13	15	21	0	74	17	
Richard Ebbs	15						4		
Chris Ellis	3	4	4	6	17	0	34	9	
Clive Haywood	1	2	3	7	12	0	25	7	
Bernard Henry	1	6	6	8	9	0	30	8	
Alan Horn	4	7	10	11	16	0	48	16	
Tom Inskip	2	2	2	3	6	0	15	2	
Paul Jones	7	8	8	8	12	0	43	14	
Ron Knox	3	14					3		
Martin Lavansch	12	12	14				2		
Stephen Long	2	3	3	4	8	0	20	5	
Ian McLuskie							5		
Colin Oates	5	5	9	9	9	0	37	11	
Andy Puhler	4	5	5	14	1		1		
Henry Richardson	1	7	11	11	13	0	43	14	
Peter Sayers	13	22					3		
Pete Schofield	2	3	3	4	4	0	16	3	
Richard Sharpe	5	7	12				2		
Graham Shennan	7	7	8	9	10	0	41	13	
Richard Shortland	5	6	10	15	1		1		
John Simpson	4	10	16				2		
Howard Smith							5		
David Steel	1	1	1	5	6	0	14	1	
Andrew Stevenson	1	2	4	8	9	0	24	6	
Mike Stockford							5		
Craig Templeton							5		
Mike Webb	1	2	8	11	12	0	34	9	
Jeff Wood	1	2	3	5	6	0	17	4	

Most Consistent Player

Looking at those players who have played more than 75% of the matches, i.e., 7 out of the 9 games, four players have managed to turn in scores that average more than 30 points. Our Golfer of the Year, David Steel averaged 34.14 followed by Tom Inskip with 32.57 Pete Schofield with 31.00 and Jeff Wood with 30.25, all should be very proud of their achievements over the year. This is the third 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

L G S 2023 Venues and Individual Stableford Points														Total Points	Matches Attended	Average Points	Avg Pts	Avg Rank	Avg Rank
	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November										
	Webbborough	Verulam	St Neots	Mid Herts	Bedford & County	Knobwoth	Kettering	Pavenham	The Bedfordshire										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9										
Ray Beckman	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	49	2	24	24.50	24					
Bob Broomhall	18	18	20	28	32	24	26	26	28	158	6	11	25.33	18					
Jos Daalhuizen	7	8	10	10	10	20	12	12	18	63	5	22	12.60	36					
Richard Ebbs	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	25	1	25	25.00	22					
Chris Ellis	3	4	4	6	17	0	0	0	0	155	5	14	31.00	5					
Clive Haywood	1	2	3	7	12	0	0	0	0	156	5	13	31.20	4					
Bernard Henry	1	6	6	8	9	0	0	0	0	258	9	1	28.67	10	28.67	5			
Alan Horn	4	7	10	11	16	0	0	0	0	158	6	11	26.33	18					
Tom Inskip	2	2	2	3	6	0	0	0	0	228	7	6	32.57	3	32.57	2			
Paul Jones	7	8	8	8	12	0	0	0	0	233	5	15	26.60	17					
Ron Knox	3	14								62	2	23	31.00	5					
Martin Lavansch	12	12	14							75	3	21	25.00	22					
Stephen Long	2	3	3	4	8	0	0	0	0	159	6	8	33.21	2					
Ian McLuskie										9	0	27	27.33	15					
Colin Oates	5	5	9	9	9	0	0	0	0	164	6	10	27.33	15					
Andy Puhler	4	5	5	14	1					131	4	18	30.25	8					
Henry Richardson	1	7	11	11	13	0	0	0	0	167	4	18	26.75	16					
Peter Sayers	13	22								43	2	25	21.50	25					
Pete Schofield	2	3	3	4	4	0	0	0	0	248	8	2	31.00	5	31.00	3			
Richard Sharpe	5	7	12							86	3	19	28.67	10	25.57	7			
Graham Shennan	7	7	8	9	10	0	0	0	0	179	7	9	25.57	10	25.57	7			
Richard Shortland	5	6	10	15	1					121	4	17	27.75	14					
John Simpson	4	10	16							84	3	30	28.00	13					
Howard Smith										51	0	27	27.00						
David Steel	1	1	1	5	6	0	0	0	0	239	7	4	34.14	1	34.14	1			
Andrew Stevenson	1	2	4	8	9	0	0	0	0	227	8	7	28.38	12	28.38	6			
Mike Stockford										0	0	14	14.00						
Craig Templeton										0	0	27	27.00						
Mike Webb	1	2	8	11	12	0	0	0	0	220	9	5	25.44	21	25.44	8			
Jeff Wood	1	2	3	5	6	0	0	0	0	262	8	3	30.25	8	30.25	4			
Lowest	7	8	22	19	20	12	22	16	22	6									
Highest	17	18	33	38	41	44	44	44	44	44									
Playing members	15	12	11	11	11	22	13	17	14	44									

Most Accurate Player

Our most accurate player in one shot based on nearest the pin competitions is Colin Oates who managed to win this award twice. Our most accurate in two shots is shared between Clive Haywood and Andy Pohler who again both won the award twice.

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Nearest Pin	Colin Oates	David Steel	Colin Oates	No one	Andrew Stevenson	Pete Schofield	Colin Oates	Mike Webb	John Simpson
Nearest Pin in 2	Andy Pohler	Chris Ellis	Bernard Henry	Andrew Stevenson	Andy Pohler	Jeff Wood	No one	Clive Haywood	Pete Schofield
Nearest Pin in 2									Clive Haywood

Most Improved Player

The most improved Golfer of the Year based upon handicap percentage decrease was David Steel who managed to reduce his handicap from 20 to 13 by the end of the year. This 7 shot reduction (35%) just pipped Jeff wood who reduced his handicap by 6 shots due to his prize wins.

Full results below:

		Submitted WG HI	2023 Starting Handicap	% Change vs 2022	2023 Max Handicap	2023 End Handicap	Number of Matches Attended	Overall Handicap Improvement	Improvement Rank	Overall Handicap Improvement	Improvement Rank
Ray	Beckman		28	0%	28	28	2	0	12	0.0%	12
Bob	Broomhall	20	22	10%	22	22	6	0	12	0.0%	12
Jos	Daalhuizen		28	0%	38	38	1	0	12	0.0%	12
Richard	Ebbs	19.5	21	5%	21	21	1	0	12	0.0%	12
Chris	Ellis	29.1	32	14%	34	34	5	0	12	0.0%	12
Clive	Haywood	17.6	19	6%	19	15	5	-4	4	21.1%	4
Bernard	Henry	17.8	20	5%	20	17	9	-3	5	15.0%	6
Alan	Horn	19.6	22	16%	22	22	6	0	12	0.0%	12
Tom	Inskip	17.9	20	11%	20	15	7	-5	3	25.0%	2
Paul	Jones	15	16	19%	16	16	5	0	12	0.0%	12
Ron	Knox	21.7	24	0%	24	23	2	-1	10	4.2%	11
Martin	Lavansch	25.5	28	4%	28	28	3	0	12	0.0%	12
Stephen	Long	18.3	20	25%	20	17	6	-3	5	15.0%	6
Ian	McLuskie			-100%	0	0	0	0	0		
Colin	Oates	13.1	14	47%	14	14	6	0	12	0.0%	12
Andy	Pohler		10	5%	10	10	4	0	12	0.0%	12
Henry	Richardson	24.1	27	13%	29	26	4	-3	5	10.3%	9
Peter	Sayers		34	0%	36	36	2	0	12	0.0%	12
Pete	Schofield	14.6	16	39%	16	13	8	-3	5	18.8%	5
Richard	Sharpe	19.2	21	11%	21	21	3	0	12	0.0%	12
Graham	Shennan	19.1	21	-25%	21	21	7	0	12	0.0%	12
Richard	Shortland	22	24	20%	24	24	4	0	12	0.0%	12
John	Simpson	9.6	11	-8%	11	11	3	0	12	0.0%	12
Howard	Smith		28	0%	28	28	0	0	12		
David	Steel	18.6	20	25%	20	13	7	-7	1	35.0%	1
Andrew	Stevenson		28	8%	28	25	8	-3	5	10.7%	8
Mike	Stockford			-100%	0	0	0	0	12		
Craig	Templeton			-100%	0	0	0	0	12		
Mike	Webb	15	16	23%	16	15	9	-1	10	6.3%	10
Jeff	Wood	25.5	28	12%	28	22	8	-6	2	21.4%	3

Overall Handicap Position

The overall handicap position is shown below.

	Submitted WG HI	2023 Starting Handicap	% Change vs 2022	March Wellingborough Handicap	April Verulum Handicap	May St Neots Handicap	June Mid Herts Handicap	July Bedford & County Handicap	August Knebworth Handicap	September Kettering Handicap	October Pavenham Handicap	November The Bedfordshire Handicap	2023 Max Handicap	2023 End Handicap
Ray	Beckman	28	0%	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28
Bob	Broomhall	20	22	10%	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
Jos	Daalhuizen	28	0%	28	34	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36
Richard	Ebbs	19.5	21	5%	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
Chris	Ellis	29.1	32	14%	32	32	32	32	34	34	34	34	34	34
Clive	Haywood	17.6	19	6%	19	18.5	17	17	17	17	17	17	19	15
Bernard	Henry	17.8	20	5%	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	17	20	17
Alan	Horn	19.6	22	16%	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
Tom	Inskip	17.9	20	11%	20	20	20	18	18	17	17	16	20	15
Paul	Jones	15	16	19%	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Ron	Knox	21.7	24	0%	24	24	24	24	24	23	23	23	24	23
Martin	Lavansch	25.5	28	4%	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28
Stephen	Long	18.3	20	25%	20	20	19	18.5	18.5	18	18	17	20	17
Ian	McLuskie			-100%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colin	Oates	13.1	14	47%	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Andy	Pohler		10	5%	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Henry	Richardson	24.1	27	13%	27	27	29	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
Peter	Sayers		34	0%	34	34	34	34	34	36	36	36	36	36
Pete	Schofield	14.6	16	39%	16	16	16	15	14	14	14	14	16	13
Richard	Sharpe	19.2	21	11%	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
Graham	Shennan	19.1	21	-25%	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
Richard	Shortland	22	24	20%	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
John	Simpson	9.6	11	-8%	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Howard	Smith	28	0%	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28
David	Steel	18.6	20	25%	20	17	17	17	15	13	13	13	20	13
Andrew	Stevenson		28	8%	28	28	26	28	28	28	25	25	28	25
Mike	Stockford			-100%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craig	Templeton			-100%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike	Webb	15	16	23%	16	16	16	14	14	14	13	13	16	15
Jeff	Wood	25.5	28	12%	28	26	23	23	23	23	22	22	28	22

Key	
Green	First
Yellow	Second
Orange	Third
Pink	Last

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

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

These adjustments will continue in 2024.

As agreed at the AGM, please confirm your WHS Personal Handicap Index to me by 23rd February 2024 for the start of the next season. If you do not have a HI then please declare to me and our Secretary, Graham Sheenan 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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