



## Thomas Telford Trophy 2023 The Wales National, Hensol, Vale of Glamorgan

The 37<sup>th</sup> Thomas Telford Trophy national team golf competition was hosted by the ICE Wales Cymru (South) Branch at the stunning Wales National Course in the Vale of Glamorgan Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The Civil Engineers' Club is grateful to the organising team for making the arrangements.

The TTT team competition was first played for in 1986 and is contested by teams of four players invited from the 16 Local Associations of the ICE. The team competition consists of St. Andrews Foursomes play in the morning and singles play in the afternoon with all 6 Stableford scores aggregated to decide the winning team. At this year's event, 12 of the 16 Regions and Branches Associations were represented, coming together to enjoy a weekend of companionship, sporting endeavour, good food and no doubt a drink or two!



The Wales National is a quality, testing course, that is teeming with wildlife across its mature woodland and vast water features. It has hosted an impressive range of professional events for the DP World Tour Challenger and Seniors tours as well as the EuroPro Tour. Designed by renowned golf architect Peter Johnson, it is long – coming in at 7,433 yards off the Championship tees - and in golfing terms is something of a rarity at par 73.

The 2023 event was held in beautiful weather with wall-to-wall sunshine not overly typical of South Wales' weather at that time of year. The scorching temperatures topped out at 30 degrees and combined with a long, demanding, golf course to make it a challenging day for all!





Despite the perfect golfing weather and outstanding condition of the course, the challenges faced by the players were reflected in the scoring which was considerably lower than recent years.

The morning St Andrews Foursomes was keenly fought with two pairs tied on 38 points before the North West pairing of Richard Mannock & Peter Blair pipped Rob Hayman & Richard Hemming of Southern region on count back. The clear winner of the afternoon singles was Claire Jones from the South West region with a fabulous score of 38 points. Honourable mentions due for the runner up Jake Bartlett (34 points) from the Wales region and Edward Bill from Northern Ireland who came third on 32 points.



*Singles Winner – Claire Jones (South West)*



*Foursomes Winner – North West  
Peter Blair (left) & Richard Mannock*

Defending champion Stuart Haddow (Glasgow & West of Scotland) repeated his 2022 triumph retaining the Scott Quaich for the best Stableford score playing off a scratch handicap with a score of 30 points.

The Thomas Telford Trophy itself has been a two-horse race between Northern Ireland and the North East every year since 2014 and despite the tough scoring this year proved no different. With a score of 174 points, North East clinched the title for the 9<sup>th</sup> time with Northern Ireland a close second on 173 points falling just short of a hat trick of wins. Special mentions go to Team South West (172 points) and Team Wales (171 points) who ran them very close on a challenging day.





*The winning North East team: Paul Musgrave, Joe Langdon, Jonathan Portlock and David Watson (before and after!)*

This year saw a strong turnout for the Veterans competition for those who have played in previous Thomas Telford Trophy teams. The 18-hole competition was contested by 8 players from 3 Local Associations with the Chilterns Salver going to Rob Harry from Wales with a score of 30 points.

The Tournament Dinner was attended by ICE Wales Cymru (South) Chair, Peter Burns. In his speech Peter spoke of how important the cross-region relationships were within the ICE and how positive it to see such strong bonds created within the institution. He was particularly pleased to be able to show case the South Wales region in such a fine setting and congratulated all players for their skill, endurance, and commitment to representing their regions.



*Veterans Winner – Rob Harry (Wales)*





The Wales Cymru (South) Branch would like to express their sincere gratitude for the generous sponsorship received from a number of local businesses to make the event such a success – Knights Brown, COWI, BAM Nuttall and Jubb. Given the commercial challenges evident in the industry and the wider economy, the financial support provided was hugely appreciated and made the event possible.

In addition to their financial support, lead sponsors Knights Brown took full part in the day both playing in a friendly team event in the afternoon and supporting the Tournament Dinner. Special thanks to their Managing Director Kevin Valentine for his after-dinner speech and assistance in awarding the prizes. Thanks also go to COWI for their additional support in sponsoring the Nearest the Pin prizes won by James Bright and David Street.

The Thomas Telford Trophy 2024 is being hosted by ICE Southern and will be held at Hayling Golf Club on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024. Hayling is one of the premier links golf courses on the south coast and the only true links course between Rye and Cornwall. We look forward to another great event and wish the organising committee well in their efforts.



JTHOMAS TELFORD TROPHY 2023 - Results Sheet

4th September 2023

Wales National Golf Club, Vale Resort - Wales

Region Team	PLAYERS	Home Club	WHS Index	Course Handicap	F/somes Playing Handicap	Singles Playing Handicap	Foursomes	Foursomes Total	Singles	Singles Total	Quailch Total	TTT Total
NORTHERN IRELAND	Edward Bill	Royal Portrush	9.2	10	10	10			32		23	
	Jonny McIlwaine	Whitehead	15.4	16	16	15	33		26		15	
	Ben Adair	Carniea	13.7	15	15	14			31		18	
	Gavin Wilson	Carniea	10.5	11	11	10	26	59	25	114	17	173
WEST MIDLANDS	Chris Uren	Blackwell	13.0	14	14	13			16		7	
	Peter Rock	Olton	10.5	11	11	10	29		27		17	
	Simon Hake	Brocton Hall	16.6	18	18	17			25		10	
	Graham Brackstone	Brocton Hall	11.7	12	12	11	28	57	21	89	12	146
NORTH EAST	Paul Musgrave	Bishop Auckland	9.5	10	10	10			26		17	
	Joe Langdon	Boldon	3.1	3	3	3	32		25		23	
	Jonathan Portlock	Gosforth	7.5	8	8	8			30		23	
	David Watson	Hexham	9.2	10	10	10	35	67	26	107	16	174
EAST-MIDLANDS	East Midlands 1			0	0	0			0		0	
	East Midlands 2			0	0	0	0		0		0	
	East Midlands 3			0	0	0			0		0	
	East Midlands 4			0	0	0	0		0		0	0
EAST OF SCOTLAND	Debbie Hay-Smith	Murrayfield	5.6	8	8	8			27		20	
	Mark Souter	Montrose Mercantile	7.1	8	8	8	30		26		20	
	Ricky Laing	Grange Broughty	0.5	1	1	1			18		17	
	Paul Aitken	Musselburgh	8.9	9	9	9	29	59	18	89	12	148
LONDON SOUTH	Martyn Taylor	Haywards Heath	16.6	18	18	17			21		8	
	Howard Richings	Parkstone	12.1	13	13	12	25		20		12	
	Neil Farmer	Chobham	12.9	14	14	13			23		12	
	Roger North	Roral Automobile Club	14.1	15	15	14	23	48	27	91	15	139
LONDON NORTH	Dino Nicola	Downs	18.8	20	20	19			28		12	
	Indi Mooneyan	Muswell Hill	15.5	16	16	15	27		25		14	
	Richard Thomas	Horton Park	18.4	20	20	19			22		10	
	Tim Lohmann	Royal Dornoch	8.8	9	9	9	30	57	24	99	17	156
YORKSHIRE	John Tirrill	Wakefield	19.6	21	21	20			20		7	
	Geoff Campling	Low Laithes	12.9	14	14	13	23		22		11	
	Gary Simpson	Hickleton	3.0	3	3	3			29		26	
	Corrine Binks	Crookhill Park	23.8	29	24	24	31	54	27	98	9	152
NORTH WEST	Peter Blair	Ringway	5.9	6	6	6			22		16	
	Richard Manock	Romiley	16.0	17	17	16	38		21		12	
	Nigel Wilkinson	Hillside	14.2	15	15	14			23		13	
	Chris Davies	Caldy	20.0	21	21	20	22	60	25	91	9	151
SOUTHERN	David Street	Osborne	4.4	5	5	5			28		23	
	Andy Salmon	Army	7.3	8	8	8	29		21		14	
	Rob Hayman	Barton on Sea	6.4	7	7	7			32		26	
	Richard Hemming	East Horton	17.0	18	18	17	38	67	19	100	8	167
GLASGOW & WEST OF SCOTLAND	John Weir	Prestwick St Nicholas	11.2	12	12	11			21		15	
	Chris Smith	Bothwell Castle	5.1	5	5	5	27		30		25	
	Stuart Haddow	Falkirk	2.3	2	2	2			31		30	
	Iain McAllister	Lanark	17.1	18	18	17	35	62	20	102	9	164
SOUTH WEST	James Bright	Broadstone	14.0	15	15	14			18		7	
	Rhys Bright	Broadstone	3.7	4	4	4	27		28		24	
	Rory Thornburn	England iGolf	12.6	13	13	12			26		17	
	Claire Jones	England iGolf	22.4	27	24	24	35	62	38	110	16	172
WALES	Owen Lloyd	Llantrisant & Pontyclun	12.7	13	13	12			27		16	
	Jake Bartlett	Llanishen	6.1	6	6	6	27		34		28	
	George Brown	St Mellons	8.6	9	9	9			26		18	
	Leighton Jones	Pontypool	26.1	28	24	24	31	58	26	113	8	171
THAMES-VALLEY-	Thames Valley 1			0	0	0			0		0	
	Thames Valley 2			0	0	0	0		0		0	
	Thames Valley 3			0	0	0			0		0	
	Thames Valley 4			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EAST-OF-ENGLAND-	East of England 1			0	0	0			0		0	
	East of England 2			0	0	0	0		0		0	
	East of England 3			0	0	0			0		0	
	East of England 4			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TEAM

1st	NORTH EAST	174
2nd	NORTHERN IRELAND	173
3rd	SOUTH WEST	172

Foursomes

1st	Peter Blair / Richard Manock	38
2nd	Rob Hayman / Richard Hemming	38
3rd	Stuart Haddow / Iain McAllister	35

Singles

1st	Claire Jones	38
2nd	Jake Bartlett	34
3rd	Edward Bill	32

Scott Quailch

	Stuart Haddow	30
	Rob Harry	30

Nearest The Pin 3rd

	James Bright	
	David Street	

Nearest The Pin 14th

	Chris Uren	16
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Past Captain Balls

			Singles Playing Handicap	Score
VETERANS	Roger Minto	Pollock	13.8	15
	Stewart Dunmore	TBC	14.9	16
	Les Jones	St Mellons	19.6	21
	Jerry Cutter	Cottrell Park	20.9	22
	Tony Parker	Clevedon	11.0	12
	Geoff Medlow	Pontypridd	14.2	15
	Rob Harry	Llanwern	13.8	15
	John Goundry	Scarcroft	25.0	27
	Veteran 9		0.0	0
	Veteran 10		0.0	0
SPONSORS	Andrew Eilbeck	NA	24.0	25
	Kevin Valentine	NA	26.0	28
	Tony Forbes	Pyle & Kenfig	9.6	10
	Darren Wootton	Pyecombe	15.0	16
	Sponsor 5		0.0	0
	Sponsor 6		0.0	0

**Notes for Completing the Scoring Spreadsheet**

Complete all players names in the blue cells (Column B) including WHS Handicap Index (Col D). Their WHS Index to the decimal place should be inserted as the programme allocates the correct handicap up to a maximum of 24 Playing Handicap where applicable. The programme will auto-populate names and handicaps in all score cards in the tabs along the bottom for each Region, Veteran or Sponsor. For completeness the competitors Home Club can also be entered in Column C.

On completion of the Foursomes or singles rounds go into the tabs at the bottom for each Region and only complete the Gross Score (blue cells) for each hole for each foursomes team or singles competitor (i.e. Col L). There are separate scorecards for the foursomes and singles competitions. This will check the cumulative stableford score for each round which can be checked against the hand written scorecard. Any NR is to be entered as a 0 (Zero).

At any time you can review the effect of the scores input in the spreadsheet by clicking on the Calculate Button in this Results Sheet in Cell G4.

Once all scorecards are input and the Calculate Button pressed all scores will be sorted into ascending order and the Results Table in Column R populated. **If there is a tie then a manual check of the back nine singles/foursomes scores will be needed**