The BIGS Winter Meeting - Alresford GC - October 2026

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In the days before the Barclays International Golf Society Winter Meeting the weather had been horrendous and there was a very real fear that we might have to endure the same indignity but our prayers were answered and whilst the sun was absent it was generally quite warm and there was no requirement to don our foul weather gear. There was a good turnout! Until almost the last minute we had 32 participants but regrettably we lost 2 members and a guest making for 29 participants of whom 7 were guests.

As last year the Club looked after us extremely well we enjoyed a good, pre-golf, Full English Breakfast providing the necessary calories for what is a quite demanding parkland course. Bearing in mind the general impact of the long hot summer the course was in amazing condition and the real bonus was the Club's removal of what might otherwise have been some very challenging 'rough'. The greens were true but a wee bit slower than your scribe would have liked. Post golf we enjoyed afternoon tea & sandwiches moving into Prize-Giving, that was followed by the BIGS AGM.



There were numerous prizes with the key awards being:

Andy Douglas - 74 gross - Springbok Cup
Paul Dennis - 32 points - Scott Salver
David Cawdrey - 30 points – Hitchcock Bowl (aged > 70)
Philip Currie - 27 points – R.C. Harvey Challenge Trophy (> 19 handicap)
Andy Fair - 95 points – Golfer of the Year (Seniors Cup)

In summary a great way to round off the BIGS golfing season; the golf was enjoyable as was the opportunity to catch up with former colleagues. So popular is the Alresford location is that it is very likely the 2027 event will be returning to the Club.



