

BARCLAYS INTERNATIONAL GOLFING SOCIETY

WINTER MEETING 2026 and AGM Alresford Golf Club Thursday 29th October 2026

Dear Member,

1. Introduction

I attach the entry form for our 2026 Winter Meeting which is to be held, again, at Alresford Golf Club, the latter just off the A31 between Winchester and Farnham. The programme for the day will comprise an 18 hole individual stableford competition to be held in the morning. **We are extremely happy to welcome guests so please encourage a friend to come and enjoy what is always a fun event.**

2. Course Description

Alresford is a free draining chalk downland course, rarely closed and ideal for year-round play. Easy walking and set on the slopes of Tichborne Down which provides for picturesque views of the Hampshire countryside. The five tricky par 3s and narrow fairways ensure that the course is always a challenge. Stray too far from the fairway and find that your approach shots to the small and well-guarded greens are a test of distance and accuracy. The course has an ever-growing reputation for overall quality and presentation; the greens are slick, true and amongst the best in Hampshire. In a recent visit the course looked to be in great condition in the wake of the course-maintenance programme in late July.

Established : 1890, extended to current layout in 1993

Yardage : 6004

Ladies Par : 71 Ladies SSS 72

Further details about the Club its website: <https://www.alresfordgolf.co.uk>

3. Geography

- **Address:** Alresford Golf Club, Cheriton Road, Tichborne Down, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 0PN Tel: 01962 733746
- **Directions:** The Club is situated immediately south of the township of Alresford. **Please ignore your sat-nav as it is likely to direct you through a ford which will not be good for your car!** If you are approaching from the east ensure you take the directions for Alresford at the roundabout immediately after the village of Ropley. If you are driving from the west make sure you follow the signs for the township of Alresford. From either direction drive into the centre of Alresford where you will find a sign directing you to the golf club (on your left if coming from the east; on your right if coming from the west). Proceed passed the Cricketers public-house downhill under a railway bridge and shortly thereafter, driving uphill, you will spot a sign for the Club which is located on your left.

The club has put at our disposal its fleet of three buggies; would those wishing to reserve one of them please contact the pro shop directly (and as soon as possible) – 01962 733746 (selecting the appropriate option). The pro shop also has a few battery-powered trolleys should anyone wish to rent one.

4. The Competitions

We shall be playing an 18 hole individual stableford competition. Note: You can elect to play off either the yellow or red tees whichever suits your abilities. Members will compete for the following prizes:

- The Springbok Cup (For the lowest Gross Score) – (Current Holder- Andy Hoult)
- The Scott Salver (Current Holder - Chris Scoble)
- The Hitchcock Bowl (Eligible to those 70 and over – (Current Holder – Andy Fair)
- R.C. Harvey Challenge Trophy (for handicaps 19+) – (Current holder Justin Cliffe)
- The Golfer of the Year (best 3 BIGS rounds) – (Current holder – Chris Scoble)

As in prior competitions there will be prizes for Nearest the Pin (Hole 10 = Par 3) and Nearest the Pin in 2 (Hole 14 = Par 4). There will also be prizes for 2s.

There will be a separate prize for guests.

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Note: We have requested that tee - times will commence from 10:00am; I will confirm starting times nearer the date.

Note: Would all 2025 winners please ensure that they return their respective (and polished!) trophies on the day. If those concerned are unable to attend, please can they make alternative arrangements, under advice to me, either by telephone (01428 652399 / 07711008957) or email: Philip.currie1@btopenworld.com

5. Catering

Coffee will be available from 0800 hrs with a Full English breakfast available on a rolling basis from 0830 hrs thus catering for persons who may arrive after that time.

On completion of the golf the Club will provide Afternoon Tea to include sandwiches together with tea and coffee. Bar Drinks are not included and will be paid for by participants.

6. Accommodation

The area where we have Afternoon Tea will also be the venue for prize-giving and the Society AGM the latter taking place immediately following prize-giving. Dress code is relaxed; there is no requirement for jacket and tie!

Note: If you wish to shower after the golf please be sure to bring a towel.

7. The Costs

The costs for the day (which are a modest increase on 2025) include 18 holes, breakfast on arrival, post-golf afternoon tea and competition prizes are:

- Members paying for themselves: £75
- Guests: £85

Completed entry forms should now be sent to Philip Currie by email.

Payment for the meetings is to be made, online, to BIGS at Barclays Bank plc:

- Sort Code: 20.05.00
- Account No: 80142301
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Would you please quote “**Winter26**” and ensure that your surname (e.g. CURRIE) is shown as the reference in the payment to allow our Treasurer to easily reconcile the amounts received.

I hope to see as many of you as possible (plus your guests) for what should be a very enjoyable event.

Philip Currie

9th September 2026

Note: The Committee has requested that all BIGS participants should ensure they pre-register themselves for BIGS meetings in England Golf (or similar) and enter their Stapleford scores after games completion. The reason for clarifying this process is to ensure members handicaps are kept current and the need to return to cutting trophy winners handicaps is avoided.

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PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM & DELETE* AS APPROPRIATE

Please scan and return to:

Philip Currie
Lansdowne
Grayswood Road
Haslemere GU27 2BW
Email: Philip.currie1@btopenworld.com

From:

Name:

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WINTER MEETING – ALRESFORD GOLF CLUB – Thursday 29th October 2026

I shall be present at this meeting.

I am a member of Golf Club.

Handicap Index (HCI) (Playing off Yellow / Red Tee - pls ring selection)

I am/am not* bringing a guest. Name / Club
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Handicap Index (HCI) (Playing off Yellow / Red Tee - pls ring selection)

My playing partner will be

Where applicable, please ensure that firm arrangements are made with partners before returning this form.

Please arrange partners for me.

I am/am not eligible for the Hitchcock Bowl (members aged 70+). If eligible my DOB is.....

I am /am not eligible for R.C. Harvey Challenge Trophy (members with handicaps 19+).

Fees for the day's golf including catering & prizes are £75.00 for members and £ 85.00 for guests.

Total cost: £

Please settle your fees electronically making an online payment to BIGS at Sort Code: 20.05.00; Account No: 80142301; quoting **Winter26** and **your name** as reference. Please confirm to me by email (Philip.currie1@btopenworld.com) when you have made that payment.

Please send your entry as soon as possible, by email to Philip.currie1@btopenworld.com after making the online payment specified above.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS Thursday 15th October 2026

Signed Mobile Tel No

Name..... Home Tel No.....

Address.....

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Email Address.....

Any Dietary Requirements