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Gloucester Inaugural Match & Donnington Valley Recap

Let me start this month's match report by congratulating Steve Cochrane and his committee, who played their first official game as Gloucester Nomads on **Sunday, 28 July**, at Rodway Hill – Berkshire Nomads wishes you and the whole of Gloucester Nomads the best of luck and, as always you have our full support.

On **Sunday, 4 August**, we played our monthly game at Donnington Valley with a packed field of 48 members and guests, scoring an average score of 29.27. Thank you to everyone who played, sponsored, or assisted on the day. I'm sure you are left with some great memories like me. The consensus was that the course was tricky with some well-placed trees and pin positions, but overall, it was in excellent condition.

Get Game Day Ready with your Berkshire Kit!

Please remember that the Berkshire kit is a:

- Navy Nomads Cap
- Navy Shorts or Trousers
- Nomads belt
- White Nomads Socks
- White Nomads Golf shirt
- Navy Nomads Jacket, Bodywarmer or Pullover

Please remember that the correct kit is mandatory, except for wet weather gear and Nomads Brollies. For kit queries, please contact Brandon at 075 5449 8374.



'No man is an island entire of itself;
Every man is a piece of he continent, a
part of the main; Any man's death
diminishes me because I am involved
in mankind. And therefore, never send
to know for whom the bell tolls; It tolls
for thee'

*From the Meditations of Jonn Donne
(1573 – 1631)*

Monthly Results
"They call it golf because all in one foul letter words were hidden." – Ray Lloyd

Donnington Valley - 4 Aug

A Division

Position	Name	Handicap	Result
1	Sam French	12	40
2	Travis Coates	11	34
3	Sam French	10	36
4	Doug Stevens	9	35
5	Henry Rose	10	36
6	Sam French	11	35

Results are on the [website](#)

2026 Australian National Tournament

You may have heard that we are organising a touring party to attend the 2026 National Tournament. We have limited slots available, but please let me know if you are interested in attending. For more details about the payment plans, refer to my mail sent on **Monday, 5 August** or talk to me.



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Fundraising – It's As Easy As 1,2,3...

Thank you to those of you who have signed up for easy fundraising. If you need to know more, please don't hesitate to ask me or reference this [page](#), which has a helpful 60-second overview video. I hope we rally as much support as possible (so get your family involved, too). As I have reiterated, this is 'free' fundraising—we are spending anyway, so we may as well put those extra pennies to good use.

Since Thursday last week, we have had 15 people sign up and raised **£7.85** because of the purchases of two supporters.

Charity Day Count Down!

Over the next two weeks, our focus will naturally turn to the last big event of our 2024 season, the charity day on **Saturday, 17 August**, led by James Bryers, who is doing an incredible job of delivering this event. I assure you that every pullout before the event is gutwrenching because of the time we invest in and the responsibility we have for organising these significant events.

However, I am happy to share that we are currently **FULL**, which is a massive relief for James and me.

We have collected most of the outstanding funds but would encourage you to settle if needed. It lightens our load, and our obligation has already been met with the club, which always makes our treasurer slightly shaky.



Importance of Prize Giving and 'PAID TO GO'

Please try to stay for the prize-giving when attending a Nomad's event.

It is a core component of our game days and can dampen the final hour when people leave without attending the prize-giving ceremony. In addition, if you do go and are called up but are not in attendance, it can disrupt the flow.

We understand that circumstances may cause you to need to leave; please chat with me or one of the other committee members. However, an obligatory fee should be placed in Paul's potty as a 'PAID TO GO', a standard Nomads practice worldwide.



Family Braai/BBQ – This weekend

I want to applaud Leighton Kearins, our Membership officer, for inviting all Nomads and their families to his house on **Saturday, 10 August**.

Please bring your cooler box with drinks and enjoy an afternoon working on one of our core objectives of friendship.

Playing Calendar



The playing calendar is all booked except for some final details; it looks like a cracker. Please refer to it [here](#).

Please diarise our Charity Day on **Saturday, 17 August**, at Whitney Lakes. Our September game is at Sherfield Oakes on **Sunday, 22 September**.

Please remember: You are welcome to sign up for the Gloucestershire Nomads monthly game on **Sunday, 15 September**, at Woodlands Golf & Country Club near Bristol.

Ensure You Have Your Official Handicap for Fair Competitions

At the beginning of each season, there is a drive to obtain information regarding your handicap.

Those without official handicaps need to take the necessary steps to receive one. This is quickly done on the My England golf App or web page and costs £46.

It is a high priority for us to ensure that every Nomads member has an official handicap and is registered with England Golf.

Leighton Kearins will lead this drive. Please don't take these requests personally. As a collective, I can guarantee that we are only attempting to ensure that our competitions are fair. I do not want to be the captain who has to exclude anyone from our incredible prizes because of something as simple as an official handicap, which is easily solved as above.

Well Wishes, Meat Raffle and AGM Announcement

- I have been in regular contact with John Stoko, who is recovering from surgery. I understand from him that he is on the mend and that every day is better than the last, so we wish you well, JS.
- You may have noticed the addition of the Meat Raffle, which is part of the monthly game at this stage. Please get involved. We raised a fair percentage of our revenue to support the club through Raffles, and it's a great prize to win, so please support this initiative. Thanks to Leighton, our butcher, for heading up this initiative.
- AGM—We will be hosting an AGM at the Sherfield Oakes Game on **Sunday, 22 September**. This AGM will happen before the first tee-off, **and we request that every member attend** (a rare but necessary request). We will keep it to one hour, allowing time for Q&A. You will likely be asked to arrive between 09:00 and 09:30 so we can ensure a prompt start.

Lastly, Good Luck to the Springboks as they Take on Australia this month 😊

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Nomads Berkshire Captain

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Nomads Berkshire Captain