

THE NOMADS UK NEWSLETTER

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‘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)

You may have noticed a name change. What was previously known as The Berkshire Fairway has been refreshed and will now be known as Nomads UK.

This new title reflects our commitment to being the collective voice for all Nomads across the UK, rather than individual clubs. From now on, monthly Captains’ Match Reports will replace individual club mailings, appearing both here in the newsletter and on our website.

Our new website and social media refresh

Exciting developments are underway! Thanks to the efforts of **Robbie Hillhouse** and **Dean Gunningham**, we are developing a new and improved website designed better to serve UK Nomads overall and our regional clubs.

In addition, we’ve partnered with a dedicated social media provider who will collate our news and manage online activity to ensure members stay informed and engaged, and to raise greater awareness of Nomads.

Last months Sponsors – Our swincere thanks for your continued support goes to:

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A special mention goes to **James Bryers (Bryair Mechanical)** for his outstanding commitment and support.

Charity Spotlight

Berkshire’s September game at The Springs raised funds for five Berkshire healthcare projects, managed by Craig Wearne in association with Berkshire Healthcare Charity. Outstanding effort!

Congratulations to everyone involved—job well done!

Kit reminder

As a reminder, please wear the official Nomads kit at all games. With winter approaching, our waterproof Callaway jackets are highly recommended—lightweight, non-restrictive, and offered at reduced cost compared with pro shops.

Remember: the only difference between clubs is the cap colour.

This year, our Vice Captain – proudly supported by the Committee has chosen five meaningful NHS projects across Berkshire for Nomads Golf to champion. These initiatives reflect our shared commitment to compassion, dignity, and community wellbeing.

We are proud to support the Berkshire Healthcare Charity (Registered Charity No. 1049733), which works alongside the Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The Trust provides vital mental health and community health services across Berkshire’s six unitary authorities: Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead, Bracknell Forest, Wokingham, Reading, and West Berkshire.

Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Our 2025/2026 Projects

Dementia-Friendly Wards – £1,000 Enhancing care for elderly and dementia patients through resources that support orientation, reduce anxiety, and encourage engagement: Dementia Clocks (10 units @ £30) – £300 Weighted Dolls (7 units @ £70) – £350 Sensory Pets (10 units @ £35) – £350	Palliative Care – Family Support & Memory-Making – £1,000 Providing memory boxes and grief support packs for siblings and families navigating the loss of a child. This initiative will support up to 20 families with items such as hand mould kits, photo frames, candles, books, and soft toys.
Palliative Care – CuddleCot™ – £1,200 Funding a Flexmort CuddleCot™, a cooling system that allows bereaved parents to spend precious time with their deceased infant. This compassionate technology supports the grieving process by enabling families to hold, dress, and say goodbye in a dignified way.	Sensory Seating for CAMHS Clinic Rooms – £1,000 Creating calming sensory corners for autistic and neurodivergent young people in CAMHS spaces. Funding will provide seating options such as spinning chairs, rockers, bean bags, and compression seating to reduce sensory overload and support therapeutic engagement.
Mind & Motion – Outdoor Gym & Fixed Bicycle – £1,100 Contributing to the installation of an outdoor gym at Prospect Park Hospital, an inpatient mental health facility. Outdoor exercise promotes recovery, reduces stress, and fosters social interaction—key elements in mental health rehabilitation.	A heartfelt thank you to all Nomads members and our generous sponsors. Your continued support is making a real difference, bringing comfort, dignity, and hope to those who need it most.

Gloucestershire Nomads September Monthly Game

The Monmouthshire – 7 September 2025

The September game delivered another fantastic day of camaraderie, laughter, and golf.

Although our captain, Steve Cochrane, his wife, June (who was celebrating her birthday), and our newly inaugurated match day secretary were absent, the spirit of the day was as strong as ever.

- **Players:** 20 golfers teed off, reduced from an original 24 due to late cancellations.
- **Visitors:** Special thanks to Leighton Kearns and Graham Carter from Berkshire, and to Garth McCarthy, who joined with his fiancée and future mother-in-law after staying overnight in Wales.
- **Guests:** Ian Parker, John Ledgister, and Blake McNally.

Despite early reports of heavy rain, the skies cleared, giving us a superb warm day. The Monmouthshire course was in excellent condition, a refreshing change after this summer's dry conditions.

A huge thank you to the Club for its warm hospitality and to our sponsors—Bryair, Daikin, BBI, and our match-day sponsors, Mandy and Colin Causton of LilyPad Flower Company—for making the day possible.

Prize Winners

- Visitor Winner: Ian Parker (33 pts)
- Visitor Runner-up: John Ledger (26 pts)
- Division A Winner: Jason Goldsmith (34 pts)
- Division A Runner-up: Leighton Kearns (33 pts, highest gross 27)
- Division B Winner: John Browning (37 pts)
- Division B Runner-up: Mark Coleman (34 pts)
- Best Fourball: Basil Burger, Leighton Kearns & Ian Parker (119 pts)
- Worst Fourball: Colin Hogan, John Jackson, Simon Kendal-Williams & Temba Ndlela (107 pts)
- Crying Towel: Garth McCarthy (22 pts)

Raffles, fines, and fun kept spirits high—especially the fine for anyone who hadn't brought their in-laws after Garth did!

Congratulations also to Colin Hogan, our new Club Treasurer, and to Rob Evans, who joins the committee as Prize Table Co-ordinator.

Match report by Vice-Captain, Basil Burger

Upcoming Events



Gloucestershire Monthly Game – Woodlands Golf & Country Club, 5 October
(been and gone – we know)

Berkshire Monthly Game – Test Valley, 19 October

Save the Date: National Tournament



There are just over 270 days until the 3rd Annual National Tournament at Old Thorns, Hampshire. Here is what you need to know.

Dates: 10–12 July

Cost: £435 per golfer (includes two rounds, buffet breakfast, Friday dinner, Saturday Gala Dinner, goody bag, accommodation, and full resort facilities).

Committee: Planning is progressing well, but volunteers are always welcome! We currently hold monthly meetings, which will increase in frequency closer to the event.

Next steps: A site visit is scheduled for mid-October to finalise the agenda planning.

Berkshire Nomads September Monthly Game

The Springs Hotel & Resort – 21 September 2025

With crisp air and blue skies, Berkshire Nomads hosted their largest monthly game yet, with a full field of 60 players. Members from Gloucestershire and guests even joined waiting lists to be part of the day.

Highlights included:

- HM Peter Chemaly playing his 100th game, perfectly timed before dusk.
- A warm welcome to new members Allan and Scott Higgins, Blake Hogburn, and Tom McDermott.
- Spectacular course conditions, with lush greens, flat layouts, and scenic views along the River Thames.
- An outstanding prize table, thanks to the tireless work of James Bryers and our generous sponsors.

Although space was tight for the prize-giving, the spirit of fellowship and generosity shone throughout. With fun fines by Sam Kynoch, a new brandy-and-coke draw by Adrian Knight, and fundraising updates from Craig Wearne supporting NHS projects, the day was both successful and memorable.

Match report by Captain, Ian Wright

Fundraising update

Bonus Ball

Numbers still available: 14, 18, 23, 27, 29, 31, 33, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59. £40 secures your number for the next 4 months – Speak with Dean Gunningham.

Past winners include Angelo Pestana, James Bryers, Jim Wilson, and Vaughan Ferreira.

The next draw is on 27 September 2025.

Easy Fundraising Reminder

At the time of writing, we've raised an incredible £1,208.00 from just 34 participants! Imagine what we could achieve with more participants, especially as Christmas and the holiday season approach.

If you haven't already done so, please scan the QR code or visit easyfundraising.co.uk to get involved and help us continue to raise more.

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