



The Pearson Trophy - Inter-County Semi/Finals 18th July 2024

The 2023-24 Pearson Season culminated in the Semi-Finals and Final held in sunshine at Surrey's wonderful Hindhead Golf on the 18th of July 2024.

The Semi Final Matches were:

Birchwood Park (Kent) vs Hadley Wood (Herts)
Roehampton (Surrey) vs Grim's Dyke (Middlesex)

Birchwood Park vs Hadley Wood was very closely fought, at the half way point Birchwood Park were up in three matches, down in two with the remaining two all square. Hadley Wood rallied and eventually won the 1st Semi Final 4 games to 3.

Although the Grim's Dyke Ladies battled hard, Roehampton won the first four matches so the remaining three were called in.



The Birchwood Park Ladies with Captain Gill Holland



The Ladies of Grim's Dyke with Captain Maggie Pinner

The Final was set:

Roehampton (Surrey) vs Hadley Wood (Hertfordshire)

This was an incredibly exciting affair: At the half way point Hadley Wood were up in four matches, down in two with one all square. The half way house is situated between holes 9 and 10 perfect for gathering scores. Matches also pass on the way to the 17th tee from the 16th Green. It was too close to call a result after 16 holes in six of the seven matches.

Match 1 finished the 18th hole all square so proceeded to extra holes.



The results started to come in one by one Match 2 went to Hadley Wood, Match 3, 4 and 5 to Roehampton, Matches 6 and 7 to Hadley Wood, the atmosphere across the club and course was beyond tense - 3 Games All

By this stage Match One was on hole 20, then 21.....

Word arrived that Roehampton's Astrid Woloszczuk , had managed to secure a win on hole 21. Meaning Roehampton had won The Pearson Trophy for Surrey. Huge commiserations to Hadley Wood, they were understandably disappointed but gracious after what was an incredibly hard fought battle.

The matches were all played in true Pearson Spirit and it is hoped that all players enjoyed taking part in such an exciting day.

The grateful thanks of the Inter-County Committee must be extended to Hindhead Golf Club, for enabling Surrey to host such a wonderful day. The General Manager Chris Donovan, along with Admin Assistant Beth Williams provided endless support both in the run up to the 18th of July and on the day. The catering and bar staff led by Adam Fisher and his team kept all the players and organisers wonderfully fed and watered. The course also was looking beautiful thanks to Steve Holmes and his green staff. Last and not least thanks to Maggie Deere, The Lady Captain of Hindhead, who started the morning players and the team of Hindhead Members who ball spotted across the course.

Not forgetting the Rules Officials, Sue, Graham and Tony who walked alongside the matches, keeping everyone in order.

The County Managers of Middlesex, Kent and Hertfordshire, Sue Gooderham, Lynn Craven, Sue Barnes, Jane Clarke were also great support to Kate and myself on the day.

Anne Mills the retiring Inter-County Chair presented the Pearson Trophy and runner's up trophy to the Pearson Captains of Roehampton and Hadley Wood.

Lastly thank you to all of the players across the four counties, who took part in this very weather affected Competition, let's hope next season is not as wet. It was easy to forget the rainy conditions on such a lovely sunny day.

Sally Cooper-Parry & Kate Haden-Scott
Surrey Pearson Manager Surrey Deputy Pearson Manager



Hertfordshire's Hadley Wood Squad – very well played all.



Congratulations to Surrey's Roehampton – winners of the 2023-24 Pearson Trophy.

