

## **Kent Pearson Trophy Finals Day Report**

### **Shooters Hill Golf Club Thursday 19th June 2025**



Helen and I arrived to set up for the day at 6.30am and the sun was already shining for us at Shooters Hill Golf Club. There was a haze over the London skyline as the teams arrived so we knew it was going to be a very hot one. The course looked amazing.

Everyone started off the day with bacon/egg rolls with the captains busy swapping team lists so cards could be completed.

The 4 semi-finalists teeing off alternately from 8.30am were Royal Cinque Ports v Littlestone and Sidcup v Dartford.

Past Captain Colin Harvey was our starter for the morning



The scores were recorded after the 11th hole with Littlestone taking an early lead being 3 matches up against Royal Cinque Ports but everything was still to play for. Whereas Dartford and Sidcup were 2 matches each, with all 4 matches only having a one hole advantage and the last match being all square. So very tight matches being fought.

Littlestone were the first to have 2 matches come to a conclusion, but then there was a win for Royal Cinque Ports. By the 15<sup>th</sup> in another match, RCP were leading but then Littlestone pulled it back to all square and eventually winning the match. Littlestone were now leading 3 matches to 1 which brought the semi-final to a conclusion giving them the 3 wins required to go through to the final.



Royal Cinque Ports



In the other semi-final between Sidcup and Dartford it was very exciting as all the matches were so close. The first 2 matches concluded with 1 win to Dartford and 1 to Sidcup. The matches were so tight and tables could have been turned at any time, a real close battle was being fought. However, Dartford dug in and managed their 3rd win to bring it to a conclusion.



Sidcup

We then all came in for a quick turn around and Shooters Hill provided an excellent buffet lunch which was enjoyed by players, caddies, supporters and officials.

A lunchtime presentation was held with Royal Cinque Ports and Sidcup being presented with their Semi-Finalist Certificates and mementos.

The new Kent Pearson Deputy was introduced, Christine Dunlop from Chestfield Golf Club. So at this point I thanked Helen Johnson for all her hard work over the past 4 years and presented her with a voucher on behalf of myself and all the Kent Teams.

It was now time for the Final between Littlestone and Dartford.

Our Starter for the afternoon matches was past Captain Jon Fricker.

Littlestone took an early lead being 4 matches up after the 11th hole. Watching out on the course there was some fantastic golf being played but the immense heat made it very tiring for the ladies.

By the 15<sup>th</sup> Littlestone still had the overall lead.

The first result arrived with a great win to Dartford closely followed by a Littlestone win. Updates on the scores were then coming in fast and furious and it was all very exciting.

Was it now time for another result with match 1 on the 17<sup>th</sup>? Yes, Littlestone held their nerve winning that match and it was closely followed by another win for match 4.

So now Littlestone had 2 wins and the tension was beginning to build. Match 5 had a great crowd waiting to see the conclusion which was brought to a finish on the 15<sup>th</sup> with a win to Littlestone. Meaning that the battle was over with Littlestone holding their nerve, resulting in the last win that was required to become the Kent Pearson Trophy winners.



This photo sums up the players after battling it out in such heat. It was a very hot and exciting final and congratulations to both teams for getting this far.



Dartford



Littlestone



We would like to thank our very own Helen Johnson and Cheryl Power from the team of Kent Golf Referees for giving up their time, being on hand all day assisting and advising with rulings. While Helen also carried out her role of Pearson Deputy at the same time, who said we can't multitask!

We would also like to thank Shooters Hill Club Captain John Whitelock for attending and presenting the trophies.

I would personally like to thank Karen Taylor (previous Kent Manager) for supporting me, meaning that Helen was able to be out on the course to referee.

Shooters Hill were the perfect hosts presenting an excellent course and facility with Chris Cooper ensuring everything ran smoothly and to plan, and he had a great team working with him.

We look forward to the Pearson Inter Counties Finals at Hadley Wood Golf Club on Monday 14th July where Kent will be represented by Littlestone.

We are sure they will do their utmost to bring the Pearson Trophy back to Kent, and of course all supporters will be very welcome.

Thank you all for your continued support in the Pearson Trophy which only can exist with you all taking part.

Lynn and Helen



**CONGRATULATIONS! Team Littlestone: Kent Pearson Trophy Winners 2024/25**