



NEIMME Annual Golf Competition Report
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In May the Institute golf competition returned to Wearside Golf Club; a hidden gem in the North East and a Monumental Place to play Golf in Durham County. Next year's competition returns to Northumberland and enquiries are being made at 'City of Newcastle Golf Club' in Gosforth. The date agreed for next years competition is Friday 22nd May 2020.

The weather conditions were very pleasant and ideal for playing golf and the course was in excellent condition. This year it was disappointing there was a lower attendance than usual with an exceptionally large number of apologies received.

Bacon & egg butties, tea and coffee were available before the competition started. The golf course was in excellent condition. The choice of a selection of a two-course meal provided by the club stewardess was also very enjoyable. Wearside Golf Club is situated in the shadow of Penshaw monument on the southern side of the River Wear, this fine parkland course is one of the oldest and most picturesque in the North East of England. It is commonly known as 'The North East's Hidden Gem – A Monumental Place to visit'.

Wearside Golf Club is proud of its long and colourful history. Founded in 1892 by a group of local businessmen, permission was granted to build a 9-hole golf course on the banks of the River Wear. Harry Vardon, 6-time open winner and all England champion, played an exhibition match at Wearside in 1899. Following the event Mr Vardon was approached to support the design of a further 9 holes. The reconstructed 18-hole golf course was opened in 1901. The club has had three clubhouses on site since 1892. The first clubhouse was damaged by fire in 1909, its replacement was remarkably also damaged by fire in 1956 before the clubhouse as we know it today was opened in 1956. A remarkable piece of Club and Durham County golfing history was made in 1990 by four Wearside Juniors. It was the first time that all four individual Durham County Championships were won by players representing the same Club in the same year.





The presentation of the prizes and cups was conducted by Past President Stuart Porthouse, Trustee and former Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer of the Institute. The prize winners were as follows:

Trophy	Points	2019 Winner
Presidents Cup - best Stableford Score	32 points	Stuart Porthouse
Major Thornton Cup runner up - best Stableford Score	31 points	Glen Wills
Grace Cup - best Gross Score	97 - 15 = 82	Malcolm Paisley
The Engineers Cup - runner up best gross score	(by default)	Ian Smith
Garmonsway Trophy - best net score	(by default)	John McCabe
Visitor's Cup best Stableford score	26 points	John Chaytor



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