

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS GOLFING SOCIETY

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Dear Hewitt Team Captain,

HALFORD HEWITT CUP - MARCH 29TH TO APRIL 1ST

As we approach the Hewitt there are a few matters that are important to the enjoyment of the week for all competitors. Please help me by bringing them to the attention of your team.

Despite the best efforts of the Committee, slow play continues to bedevil the competition. This year the event is unusually early which will mean 20 minutes less light than in other years. So the issue is more urgent than ever. The Committee has therefore put in place stronger measures particularly on the policing of the event by the marshals. Please note this in the later papers. *It is essential that all team members are fully aware of these measures.*

May I briefly draw your attention to a number of matters:-

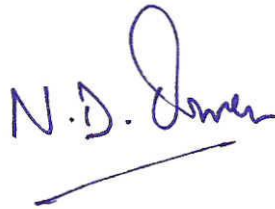
- **Starting times**
 - All starting times on both courses have been brought forward by 15 minutes.
 - First match off is at 7.45am.
 - *It is essential that your team is notified of these changes.*
- **Slow play**
 - Please read the important note on **Slow Play** and circulate to your team.
 - If there is no improvement in pace of play, the Committee will consider penalties in the last resort. Although we don't consider these to be in the spirit of the Hewitt, we will not permit the later matches to be ruined by slow play earlier in the day.
- **Distance-measuring Devices**
 - These are permitted in the Halford Hewitt. The actual specification of a device is conditioned under the Rules of Golf
 - Sharing distance information to opponents is permitted under the Rules of Golf and should be readily and willingly offered in the interests of speeding play.
- **Tollgate**
 - Access to Sandwich Bay Estate (and thence to Princes) is free *but only by showing the green Draw Sheet.* Otherwise payment *will* be required.
- **Prince's Plate Competition (Princes) and Peter Kenyon Bowl (Littlestone)**
 - Both of these excellent events are available not just to team competitors but to supporters provided they are members of their school's golfing society.
 - The Plate, now firmly embedded as part of the Hewitt, finishes with its Semi-Final and Final at Deal played alongside the Hewitt matches.
 - Littlestone Golf Club is always very welcoming and the course truly excellent.
 - Please advise your Society as well as team members.
- **Social Events**
 - Royal Cinque Ports and Royal St Georges will be holding dinners in the evening during the Hewitt week and bars will be open late.
 - Please contact the Secretaries Office at each club.

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- **Web site**
 - We wish to see the Halford Hewitt web site more active in reports and anecdotes
 - We would welcome, therefore, any reports on your team's experiences in the Hewitt for possible inclusion. The more irreverent the better!
- **Rules of Golf and disputes**
 - Play in the Halford Hewitt shall be under the Rules of Golf.
 - Competitors are expected to determine questions between themselves under the Rules or, if uncertain, in the spirit of fair play and the Hewitt ethos.
 - Players shall not seek opinion from marshalls or the Clubs' professionals.
 - Only in extreme circumstances may advice be sought and then only from the President, the Hon Sectary or the Chief Marshall. If so needed it will be felt to be a failure on the part of the players themselves.
 - In the Final the President will be on duty should a ruling be required.

May I wish you and your team an enjoyable and successful Hewitt.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "N.D. Owen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

Nick Owen
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