

Ira wins The Russel Hollis Trophy in Cornwall

► Day one of the WEA the group also competed for the individual and remaining POTY prize of 2026, The Russel Hollis Trophy. Playing The Kernow course at St Mellion the group arrived with a few dark clouds in the sky and the previous nights rain, but the day brightened up once the group got under way.

► The individual highlight had to be the Hole-in-One on the par 3 third by Chris Holmes. It took his opponent to find his ball in the hole, but nevertheless a fine accomplishment. One which we do not think has been achieved on a WEA trip, and not in TAGGS since Steve Coulton a good few years ago. Well done, Chris!!

► The trophy was dominated by two players, Ira Washer and Steve Pickford. Steve was in the last group out and had a great start to his round with 23 points at the turn. Scoring freely and well below his handicap (which was to be trimmed by Rick on Sunday evening)... He then had a bit of an issue with the short par 4 10th hitting into the lake protecting the green. Dropping, then chipping up to register a blob. He kept going and found the back nine a little more difficult, but carded a fine 39 pts.

► Ira had better back nine, which was the deciding factor with a CPO determining the winner after he too registered a great 39. Plus, he picked up a fine 2, though unlucky for him, a 2 is good but a hole-in-one is ace !

► Nearest to the pin was Ian Goodman (he did walk off with a 4 and halved his hole), Rick muscled the long drive with a fine strike with the big dog. The results meant we have a tie for POTY between Ray Lee and Geoff Holmes. This to be decided at Captain's Day in October.

Russel Hollis Trophy - St Mellion 4th Sept			
Daily Average 30			
	Player	S'Ford	POTY
1	Ira Washer	39	9
2	Steve Pickford	39	9
3	Mike Davidson	34	6
4	Tim Jordan	33	5
5	Ray Lee	32	4
	Dan Dunn	32	4
7	Steve Coulton	30	2
	Chris Youngs	30	2
	Rob Slater	30	2
	Ian Goodman	30	2
11	Rick HUdd	29	1
12	Mick Metcalfe	27	1
	Jim Goldthorpe	27	1
14	John Owen	25	1
	John Davies	25	1
16	Tony Sharp	22	1
	Noddy Rehmatullah	22	1
18	Duncan Yellen	20	1
19	Steve Occleston	19	1
20	Graham Rose	12	1
Near Pin		Ian Goodman	
Longest Drive		Rick Hudd	
2's		Chris Youngs (ace) Ira Washer	



WEA – Day 1 and 2 Pairs Results

- The WEA got under way with Pairs (better ball) and the defending Captain; Graham Rose had a great start.
- He and Mick Metcalfe demolished Occy & Noddy 4&3. The Coulton/Jordan vs Yellen/Lee was a tight affair and rightly finished all square.
- Jim & Chris won 2 & 1 again this went all the way to the 17th green. Then Ira & Dan finally shrugged off the dogged Mike & JLD on the 18th to secure another win for the blues. The only blip came from the late arrivals Rick & Tony, who were badly beaten by Slates & Picky, the only win for team Yellen.
- Day II was combined and it was opened up with a tight affair Tim & Mick unable to pull away from Picky and JLD.
- Duncan & Noddy made light work of the threat of Tony & Coulie with a 5&4 win.
- Gooders and Ray overcame Capt Rose and Jim 3 & 1 and all of a sudden, the scoreline had a pink tinge to it.
- John Owen & Mike kept the flow of pink by defeating Rick & Dan. The only blue on the table was Ira & Chris who battered Slates and Occy.
- The score on the final evening was 5-5 and all to play for on Sunday Singles... the scene was set for the Clash at The Kernow.



Day 2 Ryder Cup Pairs (Combined)			
Team Rose		Team Yellen	
Jordan & Metcalfe	AS	Davies & Pickford	AS
Sharp & Coulton		Yellen & Rehmatullah	5&4
Rose & Goldthorpe		Goodman & Lee	3&1
Hudd & Dunn		Owen & Davidson	3&2
Youngs & Washer	5&4	Slater & Occleston	
Team Rose	5	Team Yellen	5

Day 1 Ryder Cup Pairs (Better Ball)			
Team Rose		Team Yellen	
Rose & Metcalfe	4&3	Occleston & Rehmatullah	
Jordan & Coulton	AS	Yellen & Lee	AS
Goldthorpe & Youngs	2&1	Goodman & Owen	
Washer & Dunn	2up	Davidson & Davies	
Sharp & Hudd		Slater & Pickford	7 & 6
Team Rose	3.5	Team Yellen	1.5

WEA – Day 3 – Sunday Singles

- The WEA went into the Sunday Singles with the match all square and 10 singles ties to decide who went home with the Ryder Cup, Gyum or Duncan. The first group of ties were Ira vs Noddy and Gooders against Coulie.
- Gooders wrapped up the first point of the day and bragging rights for the journey home, after a convincing win 4&3. Ira and Noddy had a tight one, but Ira won the all-important 18th, having teed off one up. **Match 6-6.**
- Next out were the lowest scorers from the previous day, Rose/Occleston & Sharp/Lee. Gyum found some form even after being 2 down after 2. With a little more consistency he triumphed 4&3. The other tie went down to the 18th and after halving the last hole, Ray won the tie 1up. **Match 7-7**
- Rick v Mike and Dan v JLD were next off. Rick and Mike's game was cut short after Mike fell ill. With the scores all square they left the course and agreed on sharing the point. Dan was 1up on the 18th and John couldn't claw back the deficit on the last and went down by 2 holes. **Match 8.5 v 7.5**
- Tim/Picky & Mick/Slates ties were next. Picky and Tim both had some issues on the front 9, but Picky had a great back 9 and triumphed on the 16th – even After Tim had secured a 2 and nearest pin on that hole. Mick strolled to a 4-hole lead after 8. Slates found some form, but Mick was in no mood to let it slip. Gaining the win on the 17th.- **Match 9.5 v 8.5**
- Half a point more and Gyum retains the trophy...
- Capt Duncan got on top of Jim and was 4up on the turn, whilst Jim's improvements on the back nine were there, he lost 3&2. All down to the remaining tie... John Owen and Chris were struggling to string holes together and it wasn't until late in the game that John took the lead and hung on for a 2&1 win.



Day 3 Ryder Cup Singles			
Team Rose		Team Yellen	
Washer	2up	Rehmatullah	
Coulton		Goodman	4&3
Rose	4&3	Occleston	
Sharp		Lee	1up
Hudd	AS	Davidson	AS
Dunn	2up	Davies	
Jordan		Pickford	3&2
Metcalf	3&1	Slater	
Youngs		Owen	2&1
Goldthorpe		Yellen	3&2
Team Rose	9.5	Team Yellen	10.5

WEA – Individual Trophy

- The WEA Individual Trophy holder was Duncan, could he defend his trophy. The last person to defend was Barry Galvani (05/06) 20 years ago.
- Duncan led the group after a fine 29 point return on the tough Nicklaus course on Saturday. The course was not particularly long but tight with tough greens. John Owen lying a point back and Jim three off the lead.
- We moved to the Kernow, and having sampled it on Friday the group at least knew what they were playing.
- There was very little movement in the leader board as the lower scorers from Saturday ended their rounds.
- Ira was holding the clubhouse lead on a combined 52 points, the feeling was this might not be enough. Too many people starting above him need to score low.
- The scoring in the 4th group (Mick, Slates, Picky & Tim) was good. All 4 players finished the day as the 4 highest scorers.
- Mick scored a very impressive 33 points and took the lead from Ira with a combined 54. Maybe that was enough...
- The last group out had the 2 overnight leaders and John carded a score of 27, which gave him a combined 55. His front nine not being great may have cost him
- Duncan had a good front nine in his match against Jim and held off John to record the same 27 points leaving him with the 1-shot lead he had overnight
- Duncan retained the Individual Trophy and went home with 2 pieces of Silverware.

WEA Individual Trophy Sat & Sun Scores				
	Player	Sat	Sun	WEA Total
1	Yellen	29	27	56
2	Owen	28	27	55
3	Metcalfe	22	32	54
4	Pickford	20	33	53
5	Slater	23	30	53
6	Washer	25	27	52
7	Rehmatullah	23	27	50
8	Jordan	21	28	49
9	Goodman	24	23	47
10	Sharp	18	28	46
11	Goldthorpe	26	20	46
12	Youngs	25	19	44
13	Coulton	25	18	43
14	Lee	15	26	41
15	Dunn	19	17	36
16	Davidson	17	18	35
17	Hudd	18	17	35
18	Davies	17	15	32
19	Occleston	14	18	32
20	Rose	NR	NR	NR

