

RMAGS South East Region Match Report

Venue: Canterbury Golf Club, Kent

Date: Tuesday 1st September 2026

Overview of the Day

The South East region of the Royal Marines Association Golf Society gathered at the historic Canterbury Golf Club for what turned out to be a spectacular autumn meeting. We were blessed with glorious sunshine throughout the day, providing perfect playing conditions for our members, who arrived from across the region.

The morning began with traditional bacon rolls and piping hot coffee at 10:00 AM, allowing old friends to catch up before heading out before the 11:00 AM tee-off, Roger instilled some brilliant humour into the proceedings by wearing his newly acquired high-visibility vest! This was a wise safety precaution following a dramatic incident at a previous match held at Stoke by Nayland Golf Resort, where Roger was unfortunately "run over" by a golf buggy. We are glad to report he is in good spirits, though poor Roger is still recovering!

The Course: Canterbury Golf Club

Designed by the legendary Harry Colt in 1927, Canterbury Golf Club provided a magnificent but stern test for the society. Set in a sprawling pocket of peaceful Kentish countryside, the course is an undulating mix of parkland and heathland. The opening holes immediately demanded accuracy off the tee, forcing players to navigate narrow fairways flanked by mature oaks, silver birches, and patches of unforgiving gorse. The true character of the course shone through its dramatic elevation changes and Colt's signature steep-sided bunkers protecting the greens. The putting surfaces themselves were in immaculate, fast condition, requiring a deft touch to avoid frustrating three-putts.

Competition and Results

Division 1

- **Winner:** Mike Guest (29 points)
- *Division Average:* 27 points

Division 2

- **Winner:** Helen Moor (39 points)
- *Division Average:* 24.6 points

Novelty Prizes

- **Nearest the Pin (2nd Hole):** Mike Guest
- **Nearest the Pin (8th Hole):** Mike Guest
- **Longest Drive:** Simon Capeling
- **Bums Rush:** Andrew Fuller

In Division 1, the scoring was incredibly tight, reflecting the tough nature of the layout. It was Mike Guest who navigated the conditions best, clinching the title with a hard-fought 29 points.

Division 2 saw a much wider spread in scoring, but Helen Moor completely mastered the course, putting together a truly sublime round to clear the field and claim the victory with a fantastic 39 points.

The novelties saw some familiar names on the markers, with Simon Capeling launching a monster effort to take home the Longest Drive. Mike Guest had an unforgettable day on the par-3s, showing pinpoint accuracy to clean up both Nearest

the Pin prizes. On the other end of the spectrum, the dreaded "Bums Rush" award went to Andrew Fuller, who took the traditional ribbing in great stride.

Post-Round and Presentation

Following the conclusion of play, the society retired to the clubhouse patio to enjoy a well-earned drink in the late afternoon sunshine, followed by a one course meal.

Thanks go to Canterbury Golf Club's catering and greenkeeping staff for their hospitality and for presenting the course in such fantastic condition.

The day concluded with the traditional raising of a glass to absent friends, capping off another highly successful and memorable RMAGS South East fixture.

Next Fixture

Our next regional meeting will take place at **Walmer & Kingsdown Golf Club** on Thursday 15th October 2026.

Best regards,

Bobby Guest

South East Representative

Royal Marines Association Golf Society (RMAGS)
