

## THE LATE 'LADDIE' LUCAS CBE DSO DFC

'Laddie' Lucas who died aged 82 in 1998, was celebrated chiefly as a fighter pilot; he was also a Conservative MP, a successful businessman, a highly readable writer, and a Champion golfer reputed to be the best left-hander of his day. 'Laddie' was actually born at Prince's Golf Club, his father was the co-founder and first Secretary of Prince's and it was here that 'Laddie' played from the age of six.

During the second World War, 'Laddie' was returning in a crippled Spitfire from a sortie against the Luftwaffe and not able to maintain height, and with his abundance of local knowledge and a good eye for the approach shot, he crash landed safely, within a wedge of the Himalayas 5th green. His comments on coming up short were never recorded!

The 'Laddie' Lucas Spoon was the brainchild of 'Laddie' and the competition was started over 20 years ago at Prince's. The Spoon which the scratch winner is presented with is the very club which 'Laddie' won in a competition along the coast at North Foreland Golf Club at the age of six. He also 'holed in one' with it on the old 154 yard 3rd hole at Prince's at the age of 9!

We, at Prince's wish to ensure that this wonderful competition continues in the fashion that 'Laddie' would have wanted. We have drawn on some marvellous quotes from our correspondence with 'Laddie' over the years which we hope illustrates 'Laddie's' vision of this event:

Writing of his Spoon – ***“I hope the children will get as much fun out of playing for it as I did playing with it all those years ago at Prince's.”*** May 1988

***“I hope that it will become a totally classless competition for boys and girls from any station or background who are learning to observe the true spirit, rules and etiquette of the game.”*** September 1988

***“... I just love seeing those nippers swinging the club and enjoying their day out as it is: it reminds me of my idyllic childhood at Prince's and I know that they've got a game which will be a friend and ally for a lifetime.”*** April 1995

Laddie's son David is a Vice-President of the Club, thus ensuring that the Lucas name continues to be associated with Prince's Golf Club.



The Golfing Society of Great Britain have sponsored the 'Laddie' Lucas since 1994, their continued support is greatly appreciated by everyone at Prince's Golf Club.

# 'LADDIE' LUCAS SPOON

**Wednesday 5th April 2017** - 29th year of the Competition

This event is open to all boys and girls aged 8 to 13 years on the day of the event. It is a scratch stableford competition, but there are also various handicap competitions and prizes based on age. The scratch winner will be presented with the Spoon, which is held permanently on display in the Clubhouse under the Honours' Boards.

The **cost for the day is £15.00pp** to cover administration costs and a light meal. Please note that the field will be limited to 90 players and entries will be accepted on a 'first-come, first-served' basis.

Except for those young people who may be disabled, no caddies are permitted, but friends and relatives are invited to use the Clubhouse facilities and to offer their services as helpers. If you are able to assist, kindly indicate on this entry form or telephone the Pro Shop on 01304 695569.

## 'LADDIE' LUCAS SPOON ENTRY FORM

Master <input type="checkbox"/>	Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Name <input type="text"/>	
Email <input type="text"/>			
Age (on comp date) <input type="text"/>	Date of Birth <input type="text"/>	H'cap <input type="text"/>	
Club <input type="text"/>			
Address <input type="text"/>			
Postcode <input type="text"/>	Tel <input type="text"/>		

**Parents/Guardians** The Laddie Lucas Spoon relies heavily on the support and help of the parents and guardians. Please tick the box if you are willing to act as a helper or scorer on the day

Mr/Mrs/Miss <input type="text"/>
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### Entries Close Tuesday 21st March 2017

Send entries and entry fee (Cheques made payable to Prince's Golf Club) to: 'Laddie' Lucas Spoon, Prince's Golf Club, Sandwich Bay, Kent CT13 9QB. Alternatively please download an entry form from [www.princesgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.princesgolfclub.co.uk)