

Who won what this week

Tony takes May medal

Tony Athawes won Division 1 of the men's May medal played on May 6 with a gross 83, net 71.

Stuart Harrison was second on net 72 and Gary Abraham with net 74 beat Luke Prestoe on count-back to take third place. Paul Chadwick with gross 86, net 73 beat Colin Harrison on count-back to win Division 2 and Chris Prior won Division 3 with gross 97, net 73.

JB at it again

John Bennett continues his fine form and followed up his win in last week's Saturday Stableford by winning the Seniors' May medal on May 11.

John's gross score of 91, resulted in a net 69 while Robin Nape scored net 74 to beat Alan Stark on count-back to take second place.

Chopper to the fore

On Saturday May 12 John (Chopper) Harris scored 38 points to win the

men's Saturday stableford on count-back from Mustapha Mozart while Simon Brown was third with 36.

Mike and Carol win husbands and wives

The annual Husbands and Wives Trophy was this year won by Mike and Carol Sparvell with a fine score of 41 points.

They were five points clear of Patrick and Jane Wilmore in second place with 36 points.

King of the Liddiard

Stuart King won the nine-hole Liddiard stableford competition on Wednesday May 9 with 22 points.

Dan Taylor was second and also qualified for the final scoring 21 points.



Mike and Carol - golfing bliss?

The team game

The men's team lost a Saturday friendly fixture 2-4 at Sandford Springs on May 12 while the seniors won the home match against Wokefield Estate by 4½ to 1½ on May 16.



Joe turns pro but there's more
See Page 2 for details on his
latest success

It's Joe the Pro

IF YOU go to the English PGA Championship website you will see that among the 144 professionals competing in the final at Saunton Golf Club on June 27 to June 29 is a certain Joe Simpson of West Berkshire Golf Club.

Joe turned professional at the beginning of April and is attached to West Berks as an assistant. He has taken to his new status with some aplomb performing brilliantly in his first two outings in the pro ranks.

His first event was the southern region qualifier for the English PGA Championship held at Clandon Regis on April 13 where he shot 4 under par that earned him a tie in third place and qualification for the final.

His second was on May 4 in the Oxford Golf Club Pro-Am where he tied in first place with Thomas Fleming of Donnington Grove on two under par.

Some start Joe. Keep up the good work and we all wish you the very best of luck in the English PGA final at Saunton in June.

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And Joe's story continues ...

NO SOONER had the pages for this edition of TTNB been set and approved, news came through that Joe's introduction to the professional ranks has resulted in further success.

Yesterday, Thursday May 17, he came second in the P G A A s s i s t a n t s ' Championship South West region qualifier at Bristol and Clifton GC and so qualifies for the final to be held at Farleigh GC in Surrey on July 3-5.

Joe shot another under-par round, a one-under-par 69 to win qualification to this

prestigious tournament.

Established in 1930, the PGA's own website claims this to be one of the hardest to win and players are only eligible to compete in the championship during their three years of training.

There are many notable previous winners including Dai Rees, Peter Alliss, David Thomas, Neil Coles, Tony Jacklin and Barry Lane.

Well done Joe and good luck at Saunton at the end of June and at Farleigh just a week later. You're going to be busy!



Joe on holiday last year

Editor's note: same swing but no shorts at Saunton or Farleigh Joe.

A further reminder on membership renewal

THIS is a second reminder that all members of WBGC should have received an invitation to renew their subscription for the coming year from June 1 2018 to May 31 2019.

Arrangements can be made to pay by instalments to the club directly, rather than through a finance company and there is no cost penalty in adopting this payment method.

When renewing, it is essential that you return the registration form or the club will not be able to keep some of the personal information that it needs in order to function and remain compliant with the new General Data Protection Regulation.

Further information about the club's data privacy policy will be posted on the new, password-protected members' section of the club website that goes live this week.

Your renewal confirmation letter will advise you of the password so please don't delay in returning the form.

Coming up at West Berks

May

- Sat 19 MEN'S OPEN
- Sun 20 Men: Lambourn R2
- Tue 22 Ladies: Midweek medal
Seniors v Ogbourne Downs (H)
- Wed 23 Men: Midweek Stableford
Men: Liddiard
- Sat 26 Men: Stableford
Ladies: Coronation Foursomes
Men v Broome Manor (H) 11.00
- Sun 27 Men & Ladies John and Jane Trophy
- Tue 29 Mixe:d Sunshine Cup
- Wed 30 Men: Liddiard
- Thu 31 Men: Midweek Stableford
Seniors v Drayton Park (H)

June

- Sat 2 Men & Ladies: MEN'S CAPTAIN'S DAY
- Sun 10 Men & Ladies: PRESIDENT'S PUTTER