



This week's results at West Berks

Pete takes stableford

Peter (The Paper) Hill won the men's midweek stableford on Tuesday 17 with a splendid 43 points. Brian Grace was a shot behind in second place and Simon Barrie was a further shot behind third.

Mary wins midweek medal

Also on Tuesday 17 Mary Harwood returned a gross 95, net 74 to win the ladies' midweek medal by three shots from Lyn Pell. Georgie Seaman scored net 79 to beat Deb Weddell on count-back to take third place.

Jane's summer stableford

Jane Brackenbury won the ladies' summer stableford on Saturday 21 with 36 points. Ann Davies was second with

30 points beating Carole Tancock on count-back.

Liddiard Update

There were eight qualifiers in the nine-hole Liddiard stableford on Wednesday July 18. Jason Kendal and Patrick Wilmore both scored 22 points, John (Chopper) Harris 21 and Mike Denny 20 while Gordon Munro, Bob Camden, Tony Athawes and Bob Patten all scored 19.

Steve and Sandy in the mix

Our lady captain, Sandy Miller partnered Steve Cox to victory in the final of the mixed knockout on Saturday in a close encounter with Gale McAuley and Ray Pithers.



Winning ways
Steve and Sandy

Sandy and Steve took a one-shot lead into hole 18 and secured the half they needed to take the title.

Eugene McCartney 1931-2018

IT IS with much regret that we announce that Eugene McCartney, a long-term member of West Berks, died at the age of 87 on Monday July 16 2018.

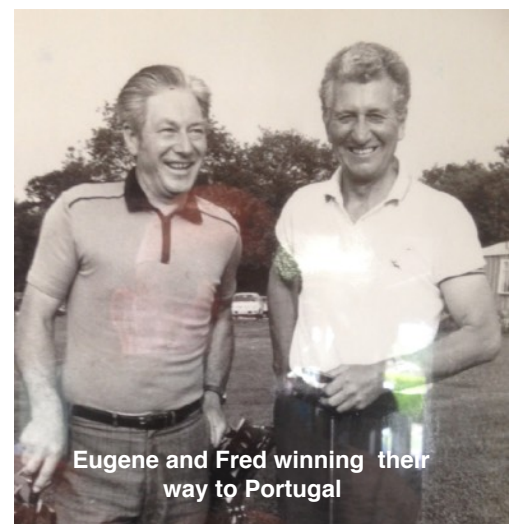
Eugene became a member soon after Fred Boobyer formed the club and over many years became an important part of the West Berks golfing scene. He was an essential element of a golfing dynasty of McCartneys at the club that included his brothers Bob, Francis and Richard, sons John and Andrew and nephews Glen, Steven, and Carl. Between them the name of McCartney appears on the West Berks honour's board no fewer than 28 times.

Eugene's name appears regularly over 16 years. He was senior champion in 1981 and 1982, won the Wise Trophy in 1984 with Alf Berry, the Walsh

Trophy with brother Richard in 1991, the Liddiard Cup in 1995 and the Classic with his son John in 1997.

One achievement of which he was always justifiably proud was playing with Fred Boobyer in a pairs competition in the 1980s and winning the qualifier of the State Express Challenge at South Herts. Eugene got up and down from under a tree on 18 to clinch a spot in the final at Penina in Portugal.

Eugene gave up playing four or five years ago after he suffered the first of a series of strokes. His wife, June, died in November last year and our thoughts and condolences at this time go to his sons, John and Andrew, and all the McCartney family.



Eugene and Fred winning their way to Portugal

The funeral will be held on August 3 and more details will be posted once we have them.

Many thanks to Richard McCartney for helping with this tribute to Eugene.

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Please send items that you would like to be considered for the bulletin to Dave Ware at: tnb.wbgc@gmail.com

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Problem Corner - your questions answered by Fink Wright

Dear Fink I know we are all prone to addressing our golf ball as an animate object from time to time especially when we see it heading for the deep, dark woods. 'Be good', 'please stop', 'turn left' (along with some fruitier suggestions!) we implore our departing friend.

However, perhaps my playing partner took this to a new level recently when, despite all his entreaties, his ball stubbornly ignored him and disappeared into deep trouble. 'XXXXXX hell', he said, 'it's like talking to a brick wall.'

Is there any cure for this anthropomorphism or should we continue to believe that there are good balls and bad balls? Any advice would be welcome.

Marilyn of Wantage

Dear Marilyn

Unfortunately anthropomorphic utterances are an instinctive part of human nature. Why else would we curse a cupboard door or foot of a bed when they carelessly collide with our head or toe.

It really is a simple case of blame transference. I know many golfers who are great putters but the hole just will not get in the way when required and, in extreme cases, is known to deliberately move after the putt was made. We also all know golfers who can hit the perfect shot but, for some unfathomable reason, the ball decides to bolt directly and determinedly on an unwanted course into the undergrowth. I agree your playing partner took this to a new level when he compared the relative stubbornness of a golf ball and a brick wall.

I'm afraid recognising the problem is relatively simple but finding a cure takes a good deal of effort from the individual.

You must try to develop a detached, intelligent viewpoint that puts such mental gymnastics into the background when you are playing. Just accept that the ball will go exactly where you hit it regardless of subsequent directives. While working at Carnoustie this week I overheard Darren Clarke make this point saying that once a ball is hit no amount of chatter will alter its course. I could not agree more.

However, you should not take this too far. I am not suggesting for one minute that you should make fundamental errors such as mentioning to your playing partner that you have already played two and a half rounds with the ball you are about to put into play. That would test the patience and loyalty of the most placid of balls and surely result in a hasty and testy departure. Be as detached and professional as you can but don't push your luck too far.

Just one more thing Marilyn, please be more careful of your choice of playing partner. I abhor bad language on the course at any time and I know no ball that would respond well to that type of discourse.

Yours, Fink Wright.

PS Anyone who counted the Xs should be ashamed of themselves.

PPS While at Carnoustie I found myself rooting for my fellow countryman, Kevin Chappell, He would have been the first player ever to take the famous Claret Jug wearing a vest.

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Coming up at West Berks

July

- Mon 23: Men: Midweek Stableford
Wed 25: Men: Liddiard
Thu 26: Seniors v Donnington Grove (A)
Sat 28: Men: Stableford
Men: C7s v Feldon Valley (A)
Sun 29: MIXED OPEN
Tue 31: Men: Midweek Stableford
Mixed: Special Tiara Trophy

Aug

- Wed 1: Men: Liddiard
Thu 2: Seniors v North Wilts (A)
Sat 4: Men: Stableford
Mixed: Di Evans Millennium Shield
Sun 5: Men: Monthly Medal