



A busy week at West Berks

IT WAS a busy week with the ladies' Eastwood Cup and Stevenson Trophy decided, the irrepressible Geoff Pudner shot two under his age and we go top of our division in the Central Sevens League.

Greg wins stableford

Greg Collins won the men's midweek stableford on Monday August 13 with 41 points while Darren Galbraith with 37 points beat Chris Webb on count-back to take second place.

Ola takes cup of cherries

On Tuesday, Ola Adams scored 43 points to win the Eastwood Cup and so took possession of the fine trophy



Ola takes cup and cherries from Nicolette

garnished with the traditional and seasonal cherries. Sandy Miller took

second spot with 37 points while Mary Harwood with 35 beat Simone Diamond on count-back to clinch third place.

Geoff's remarkable round

On Tuesday 14 Geoff Pudner won the men's seniors' medal shooting a 79, net 66 to record a gross score of two below his age. Geoff was five shots clear of Graham Mort who took second place while Derrick Perrin was third with net 72. For more see Page 2.

Renee wins Stevenson

Renee Wheeler won the Stevenson Trophy bogey competition on Saturday scoring 14 net pars or birdies. Ann Johnson came second with 13.

Team matters

Thanks to a judicious half hour postponement to allow the bad weather to clear the seniors' home match against Marlborough was played in fine weather with an equally fine result of a 4½ to 1½ win.

On Saturday the Central Sevens team entertained Drayton Green and recorded a resounding 6-1 victory to take them to the top of the Central Sevens Golf League.



Renee and Sandy

Liddiard update

Wednesday 15 saw the last nine-hole qualifier for the 2018 Liddiard Cup, the final of which is to be played on Wednesday 22.

Chris Prior recorded the best round of the day scoring 22 points to qualify for the first time. Chris was followed by a three-way tie on 20 points with Kevin Wilkins, Pete Dye and Jason Kendal all qualifying. This made it six qualifying scores from Jason winning him the accolade of having had the most throughout the season, just one ahead of Chris Terrett.

The full result of the Badger Trophy completed yesterday will be in next week's issue.

Two junior courses remaining

THERE ARE only two junior coaching courses remaining on Wednesday August 22 and 29.

These courses where junior golfers receive tuition on the driving range, chipping, bunker play and putting have proved very popular. Each session starts at 10.00am and finishes at 12.00pm and costs just £15 per session.

Anyone interested please contact Paul or Ollie.

What's on this week

August

- Tue 21: Ladies: Seniors Championship
- Wed 22: Men: Liddiard Final
- Thu 23: Men: Midweek Stableford
Ladies v The Springs (H)
- Sat 25: Men: Stableford
Ladies: Stewards Cup

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Let's make it a September to remember

WHAT a month September promises to be. Apart from the Ladies Open on Saturday 1, the ladies' Harris Cup final, the men's Crawford Cup and the finals of the knockout competitions we have a host of major events during the month.

Thursday 6: Men's Senior Open

This competition is now closed with 48 teams entered. Well done to Tony Cleaver and good luck on the day.

Sunday 9: Captains' Charity Day

The entry sheet is now on the noticeboard for the Captains Charity Day on Sunday September 9.

Be sure to join us for a fun day of golf while raising money for this very worthy charity.

Mon 10 to Sun 16: JHB Trophy

This is the first time this trophy will be contested and is inaugurated as a tribute to John Bennett in recognition of the enormous contribution that he and his wife Jane, who died in 2016, have made to the club over many years.

Rather than make it a conventional single-day competition John has devised a format that allows men and women members, both full and five-day, to play off the tees of their choice, on the day of their choice at a time to suit them.

Members can on any day and at any time of the week from Monday September 10 to September 16 post a stamp and have a card signed-off in the Pro-Shop before playing.

Men can then play off yellow or white tees (ladies off red tees) an 18-hole, singles stableford competition off full handicap. Those playing off white tees are to add two points to their score.

Each member can only play once.

Generous prizes in the form of Pro-Shop vouchers will be awarded to the top three men and top two ladies.

Saturday 15: Anniversary Day

This is a special competition to celebrate the club's 40th anniversary.

The exact format is still to be confirmed but it will be a mixed event and open to five-day members.

Don't miss this special occasion.

Thursday 20: Kerridge Pro-Am

There are still places available in this year's Kerridge Open. This is always a great day and an important advertisement for our club. The price for a team of three (to be joined by a pro) is £225 with West Berks members receiving a discount of £10 each.

If you haven't played it before it really is a great day of golf with a splendid meal afterwards.

Sunday 30: Men's Invitation Day

Always a popular event, so make sure you invite a guest to enjoy the delights of West Berks in all its autumn glory and have a fun day of golf.

See notice board for full details.

It's a busy month so make the most of it and get as much golf in as possible before the weather turns for the worse.

Geoff keeps pondering along

AS MENTIONED on the front page, 81 year-old Geoff Pudner, shot two below his age on Tuesday 14 in the senior medal.

Geoff's form has been remarkable over the past year or so and this brought him to the attention of these pages as early as Issue 003 in May 2017 when a particularly prolific spell led him to be hauled before the WBGC drugs commission. As reported at the time, apart from overdosing on best bitter in the Bay Tree pub in Grove, he was found to be in the clear.

Geoff joined West Berks in 1980 and managed to get his handicap down to 11 in 1984. He has always been a consistent player but his handicap crept

up and oscillated around the high teens for some time peaking at 19 in 2011. He then began a downward path reaching 14 in August 2016 but up he went again to 17 in April 2017. Remarkably, he has now dropped five shots in the past 16 months and is down to 12.2.

His 79 on Tuesday consisted of one birdie, 11 pars, five bogies and just one double bogey, quite an achievement for someone who, at his age, should be at home tending his dahlias.

To shoot below ones age is a remarkable feat and some of us will have to be very fit and lively centenarians to achieve that.

Well done Geoff – keep it up.



Geoff's two under