



# TEE TIMES NEWS BULLETIN

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## The ladies waltz it and the rest of the week's results

WBGC was formed exactly forty years ago on Saturday September 15 and a special competition was held to celebrate the occasion.

Gale McAuley, Sandy Miller, Tina Mulford and Mary Harwood won the 'Waltz' competition with 91 points while Luke Prestoe, Dan Taylor, Martin Anscombe and Greg Collins returned 89 points to beat Kevin Hopwood, John Harris, Philip Clare and Dave Ware on count-back to take second place.

The presentation will be made after the Corbridge Air Ambulance Cup on Sunday October 14.

### Lee wins on Saturday

A result that was not available for last week's issue was the men's stableford held on Saturday September 8 won by Lee Nicholson with 38 points beating

John Baron on count-back. Tony Atkins was third with 36.

### Tight at the top

There was a three-way tie in the men's midweek stableford on Monday September 10 with Peter Booth, Greg Collins and John Loader all scoring 40 points. The result was decided in that order on count-back.

### Barry leads the field

Barry Lancaster won the men's senior medal on Wednesday with a gross 90, net 67. Martin Anscombe was second with 94, 74 and Graham Mort third with 97, 75.

### Team matters

On Wednesday 12 the ladies entertained Marlborough and lost 3-0 while on the following day the seniors were at home to Witney Lakes and secured a 4½ to 1½ win.

### Alex is at it again

Alex Anderson followed up his recent success at Tidworth by partnering John Loader and winning the seniors' open at Wychwood GC on Wednesday 12. They returned 43 points in the Greensome competition to win by two shots.

### Johnny makes the difference

Joe Simpson, Johnny Corbridge and Simon Barrie of West Berks plus John Rowe of Ogborne Downs won the Pro-Am at The Lambourne Golf Club in Buckinghamshire on Friday.

The talk of the town, well the bar at West Berks anyway, is that Johnny holed a 15 foot downhill putt to secure victory.

Joe also did not go home empty handed as he tied for fifth place in the pro's competition.



**Winners at Lambourne Golf Club**

**Simon, Joe, John and Johnny take the spoils and Johnny looks ecstatic at the victory**

## What's on in September

- Tue 18 Ladies: Midweek Medal
- Wed 19 Seniors v Wokefield Estate (A)
- Thu 20 Kerridge Pro-Am
- Fri 21 Men: Midweek Stableford
- Sat 22 Men: Stableford  
Ladies: Gillas Cup R1  
Men v Goring & Streatley (H)
- Sun 23 Men: Crawford Cup  
Mixed v Oxford City (A)
- Tue 25 Mixed: Midweek competition
- Wed 26 Seniors v Caversham Heath (A)
- Fri 28 Men: Midweek Stableford
- Sat 29 Men C7s v Wychwood (H)  
Men: Stableford
- Sun 30 Men's Autumn Competition

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# Adjust thyself revisited

In December 2011 an article appeared in TEE TIMES written by the then handicap secretary, Dave Markham. This has now been updated and expanded by Gordon Munro in order to clarify and explain the whys and wherefores of self-adjustment.

It is a fact of golfing life that if you have played in a qualifying competition in which your handicap may have changed and then play in another comp before the result is published it is your responsibility to adjust your own handicap.

As Dave Markham pointed out at the time, working out your new handicap is just like paying income tax - it is your responsibility! It is a fallacy to say your handicap is 'the one in the book', you need to calculate it and play off that new handicap if you think it might be reduced.

However, you are never entitled to make an upward adjustment. The advice from CONGU is to always err on the side of caution and play off the lowest possible handicap from your result to avoid any possibility of disqualification. It follows then that if you are hovering at 'something point four' and you think you are outside the buffer zone you should not increase your handicap because there remains the possibility that the competition may be designated as 'reductions only' and your handicap would be unaltered.

Conversely, if you think for any reason that you may be cut the procedure is as follows:

If the Competition Scratch Score (CSS) is available to you from the computer you must compare your score to that. If it is not available then the comparison must be made with the Standard Scratch Score (SSS) for the course played.

The reductions made for each shot better than the CSS or SSS will depend on what handicap category you occupy.

### Please refer to the chart below

Using your exact handicap deduct the product of shots under CSS/SSS by the factor according to your category. So, if a Cat 3 player with a handicap of 15.7 (playing off 16) returns net 69 off the whites they should deduct  $3 \times 0.3 = 0.9$  from 15.7 giving a new handicap of 14.8 (playing 15)

A Cat 4 player, handicap 22.6, returning 40 points off the blue course (we can all dream) should calculate:  $40 - 35 = 5 \times 0.4 = 2$  deducted from 22.6 = 20.6. There may follow some degree of scrutiny from the handicap committee but this is not your concern.

If you do not know your exact handicap and are unable to look it up on HowDidIDo! you must assume that it is the lowest attributable to your playing handicap so a 16 playing handicap would use 15.5.

Self-adjustment may seem harsh but remember, these are temporary reductions and only apply until the results have been posted. The competition secretaries aim to post results within a day or two of the competition but I hope these notes will help you to understand how to manage this for yourself when necessary.

Gordon Munro

### West Berks SSS

	Medal	Stableford
Yellow	70	39
White	72	37
Blue	74	35

### Shot reduction

Cat	H'cap	Reduction
1	Up to 5.4	0.1
2	5.5 to 12.4	0.2
3	12.5 to 20.4	0.3
4	20.5 to 28.4	0.4
5	Over 28.4	0.5 first six shots 1.0 above six

## It's a knockout

IT'S THAT time of year again. The mornings begin with an early dew, the nights start to draw in faster than expected and you hunt for your favourite golfing jumper that you haven't seen since early April. And, yes, the knockout competitions come to a close.

Strictly in chronological order, back in July **Steve Cox** and **Sandy Miller** won the **Mixed Knockout** when they beat Gale McAuley and Ray Pithers on the 18th green.

The **Walsh Shield**, the men's foursome KO comp was won by **Mark 'Rammy' Ramos** and **Derek 'Degga' Smith** on Sunday August 26 when they beat Jimmy Green and Carl McCartney 4 and 3 in torrential rain.

The **Dowling Cup** final was held on Bank Holiday Monday August 27 when **Dan Bowsher** beat Darren Galbraith in a close final that went all the way to the 18th.

**Colin Harrison** beat Chris Terrett 5 and 4 to win the men's **Senior Matchplay** when he birdied Hole 14 on Thursday August 30.

Completing the men's events, **Lee Wilkins** and **John 'JC' Carroll** won the **4BBB Classic Trophy** on Sunday September 2 when they beat Chris Hunt and Dan Bowsher in another very close match that went all the way to the 18th.

Still to be resolved is the ladies singles KO competition, the **Armstrong Salver**. Gale McAuley is through to the final awaiting the winner of the semifinal between Renee Wheeler and Jane Brackenbury.

Well done to all those who entered and made these competitions a great success again this year and, of course, many congratulations to the winners.

*Thanks for content from Darren Galbraith and Sandy Miller.*