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Sevens bounce back and the week's results

THE West Berks Central Sevens team beat Wychwood 7-0 to win Division 2 of the Central Sevens Golf League on Saturday. This means they will be promoted back into Division 1 at the first time of asking having been relegated last year. Congratulations to Tim Howes and all those who represented the club throughout the season.

Mixed results

The mixed competition played on Tuesday was a three clubs and a putter challenge played in perfectly still, sunny, autumn weather.

There was a mix of three and four balls competing with a suitable score adjustment and it was won by the three ball of Aileen Summers, Alan Weddell and Chris Capel with 89 points. Sandy Miller, Brian Grace, Renee Wheeler and Martin Neville were second with 87.

After you Greg

It's not every Friday that events in the French capital affect happenings at West Berks. However, it seems there was some sort of golf match on at Le Paris National on Friday September 28 and the whole of West Berks skived off work to watch it rather than play in the midweek stableford.

The fact that there were only two entrants should not distract from two fine scores with Greg Collins on 38 points just one head of second placed Darren Galbraith.

High scoring stableford

The men's Saturday stableford attracted 24 entrants and the

fact that it was the first event of the season off the yellow tees was reflected in the scores with seven players returning more than 36 points.

Martyn Drewitt took first spot with 44 points, Simon Clifford was second on 42 and there was a three-way tie for third place. The finishing order of Keith Hawton, Gordon Mackinnon and Dave Cannings was resolved on count-back.

End of the friendly season

In addition to the Central Sevens result given above, the seniors were also in action last week ending their season of friendly matches with a 3-3 half at Caversham Heath. A highly competitive



game played in perfect weather was a fitting end to a successful season that is covered in more detail below.

M4 League underway

The new M4 Seniors Winter League got underway on Monday 24 when we travelled to newcomers, The Downshire, where we lost 2½ to 1½.

The league continues to grow. Formed in 2013 with ten clubs, there are now 48 clubs in eight divisions.

We play in the Nonsuch Division along with Calcot Park, Donnington Grove, Sandford Springs, Sand Martins and The Downshire.

Strong season for the seniors

THE 3-3 draw at Caversham Heath on Wednesday was the last of this year's senior friendly fixtures. Our seniors' captain, Dave Gentleman, reports on a very successful year in which of the 21 matches played, 12 were won, four lost and five halved. One match, Weybrook Park at home, was cancelled due to bad weather.

Dave used 37 players in accordance with his policy of selecting from a large pool of players and he gave thanks to all those who supported the team saying: "My thanks go to all those who gave up their time to play throughout a long season and I hope they enjoyed the matches. I would also like to thank Barrie Seaman and Tony Cleaver for leading the team while I was on holiday."

Dave then added: "I told a total of 18 jokes throughout the year, three of which were funny." We like that Dave – make that four!

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Chesty to Flipper in a splash

ONCE known as ‘Chesty’ and forever more as ‘Flipper’, Graham Miles managed to inadvertently transfer his golf clubs and electric trolley from the fairway to the reservoir last Wednesday while playing the eighth hole.

Fortunately, thanks to a bit of quick thinking and the application of a playing partner’s ball retriever he managed to haul them out before they sank out of reach.

Unfortunately, because the pockets were open many of the more valuable contents were consigned to the depths. A lesson to us all that we should check that our zips are securely fastened before venturing on to the course.

Well you’re not the first one to go in there Flipper and, undoubtedly, won’t be the last. Perhaps we should form a club!



Graham drying out on Wednesday



Autumn Glory Prize Competition

SNAPPED on Saturday, this shot shows that the time of autumn glory at West Berks is not far away. The editorial board of TTNB has decided to run a competition for the photograph that best illustrates the autumn season at West Berks.

The judges are the editor and TTNB’s chief photographer, Tina Mulford, Under the rules of the competition, if there are no suitable entries the judging panel will jointly consume the fine bottle wine that has been set aside as the prize.

Coming up at West Berks

October

- Tue 2 Ladies: Monthly Stableford
- Wed 3 Men: Midweek Medal
- Thu 4 Mixed v Bradfield College (A)
- Sat 6 Hillman Final v H’wood Downs (Newbury)
Ladies: Monthly Medal
Men v Ogbourne Downs (H)
Men: C7s v Drayton Green (A)
- Sun 7 Men: Monthly Medal
- Mon 8 Seniors: Medal
- Tue 9 Mixed: Chris Green Trophy
- Thu 11 Ladies v Donnington Valley (A)
- Fri 12 Men: Midweek Stableford
- Sat 13 Men v Hadden Hill (H)
Ladies: Gillas Cup R2
- Sun 14 Men & Ladies: Corbridge Air Ambulance Cup