



Storm Callum plays his part but Air Ambulance benefits

Another week where the weather dominated matters at West Berks

THE LAST gasps of storm Callum decimated the field on yesterday's Corbridge Air Ambulance Cup when only ten of the 22 teams that entered the competition finished the course. However, the main thing is that the event went ahead and Thames Valley Air Ambulance were the beneficiaries of this annual competition.

For those hardies who did play, the consolation was that it was positively balmy on Sunday compared with the ferocious winds and freezing cold conditions of the previous weekend. It even stopped raining for half an hour and although that was only a temporary respite it did allow the greens to clear.

Chris Hunt, Dan Bowsher, Chris Prior and Dan Taylor took first prize with 79 points, Paul Chadwick, Derek (Degga) Smith, John Baron and Mark Ridgill were just one point behind second while Greg Collins, Simon Barrie, Luke Prestoe and Darren Galbraith took third spot with 75.

Bob is top senior

Bob Ekins won the men's seniors' medal on Monday October 8 with gross 87, net 71. There was a three way tie on net 72 for

second place with the finishing order of Darrell Banner, Steve Haylor and Brian Bailey decided on count-back.

Pudders to the fore

The forecast of rain and winds in excess of 40mph on Friday reduced the entry of the men's midweek stableford to five players. Geoff Pudner won with a splendid 38 points while Martin Anscombe was second with 33 and Steve Haylor, continuing a good week, was third with 30.

Jane wins Gillas 2

The bad weather also reduced the entry to the second round of the Gillas Cup on Saturday to six ladies. Jane Brackenbury won with 35 points, Gale McAuley was second with 30 and Sian third with 28.

Ladies win Chris Green Cup

The ladies beat the seniors 4-2 to win the annual Chris Green Cup on Tuesday. It was great that Chris could attend to present the prize in person and explain that when he first set up the competition it was the Chris Green Trophy but it was changed to the Chris Green Cup following the theft of the original. However, it was a little unkind to suggest that it was a spelling issue.

Great day and a good fun comp with surprisingly good weather.

Men's team win 5-1

The men entertained Hadden Hill on Saturday in an inter-club friendly and won convincingly with a 5-1 victory. This reverses the score in the away fixture back in July and skipper Kevin Wilkins reports that both matches were highly enjoyable and played in excellent spirit.



Nigel Day and Dan Bowsher, a member of the winning Corbridge Cup team who also collected the Dowling Cup at the board comp presentation ceremony that followed

Ladies downed in the Valley

The ladies lost 3-0 away at Donnington Valley on Thursday.

It was Richard not Rob

TTNB offers its apologies for reporting that Mike Denny and Rob Camden were runners-up in the Autumn Comp last week. It was actually Richard and not Rob Camden.

Next week at West Berks

- Tue 16 Men: Midweek Stableford
Ladies: Midweek Medal
- Fri 19 Seniors: O'Connell Cup
SENIORS AGM (16.15)
- Sat 20 Men: Stableford
Ladies: Gillas Cup Final
- Sun 21 Men: Crawford Cup



Sandy and Chris Green

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Playing away

All very Bronte-esque as Tina Mulford reports from Whittlebury Hall

A SMALL but select group from West Berks enjoyed a weekend away in Northamptonshire at Whittlebury Hall on October 7 and 8 enjoying fine weather and the excellent hotel and golf course.

The winning team on Sunday 7 comprised: Sian Soanes, Bob Fagg, Barry Lancaster and Jane Wilmore with 75 points, beating Sandy Miller, Patrick Wilmore, Mary Harwood and Barrie Seaman by a single point.

Sian was a winner again the following day playing with Peter Gelernter, Shelagh Lancaster and Patrick Wilmore. Their 80 points beat Tina Mulford, Barrie Seaman, Mary Harwood and Bob Fagg who were second on 73.

The leading man over the weekend was Patrick Wilmore, with Peter Gelernter beating Barry Lancaster on count back to take second place while the leading lady was Tina Mulford, with Sian Soanes second and Mary Harwood third.



Winners at Whittlebury
Patrick, Shelagh, Sian and Peter



What do you think Fink?

Celebrated mind coach, Fink Wright, answers readers letters.

Dear Fink, Having watched the manner in which the rookies, and in particular the irrepressible Tommy Eastwood, performed at the Ryder Cup winning against more experienced and more successful opponents, I was not intimidated when I recently found myself drawn to play in the company of three illustrious members of the club in a representative match. Two of them hold high office while the third is the lady member of a marital partnership that is sweeping much, if not all, before them at the moment.

Although a trifle apprehensive on the tee I was boosted by the memory of Tommy's exploits and if I cannot quite match his tonsorial splendour these days I set off to imitate his joyous self-confidence.

It was a disaster. I care not to detail my performance but the extent to which I assisted my four-ball partner is clearly demonstrated by the fact that when I was faced with a putt for a half on the ninth I realised I had yet to test the speed of the greens.

I do not wish to dwell on the rest of the round that deteriorated after a very bad start but I need to know what steps I should take to do myself justice in future when I play in the company of more illustrious golfers?

Yours,

Disappointed and Disillusioned of Denchworth

Dear Mr D&D, My advice - less TV and more practice. And how did I know to address you in the male gender? Simple - no lady golfer would bother themselves with such trivia.

Yours Fink

Autumn Glory

On the left are two more entries for our 2018 Autumn Glory photographic competition. Gordon Munro's shot (top) is from the 17th looking to the first green while Andrew Kerr captures the impressive 'sunflower' effect on the 13th that has been the subject of a number of entries.