

The week at West Berks

How Chopper lived up to his name and the rest of the week's results

Chopper chopped

IT WAS a clean sweep for that venerable roll-up group, the SAGGS, on Saturday when members took the top four placings in the men's stableford.

Leading the way was John (Chopper) Harris who won with a superb 44 points. A model of consistency he returned a birdie and eight pars and had nothing worse than a six on the card.

A fine knock by Chopper and, not surprisingly, chopped he was! Having started the day playing off a 17 he ended it on 15.1. Well played indeed.

Also in good form was Mustapha (Muz) Mzouri who was just one point behind with another handicap-reducing round while Phil Clare was third with 38 points.

Completing the SAGGS domination of the leader board Nick Jones took fourth spot with 37 points.

Jane takes Round 2/13

The second round of the 13 stableford competitions that make up this year's ladies' Winter League was won on Saturday by Jane Brackenbury with 29 points.

Shelagh Lancaster with 28 points beat Renee Wheeler on count-back to take second place.

Seniors off on M4 journey

Normal service resumed in the M4 Winter League on Monday 29.

After an indifferent start with a defeat away to The Downshire and a half at Sand Martins this year's campaign really got underway with a fine 4-0 win against Donnington Grove in the first home match of the season.

We wish David Gentlemen and his team well for the rest of the season.

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The result of the men's November medal arrived just prior to going to print.

Colin Price continued his good run of form winning Division 1 with a gross 80 net 68. Jason Kendal was second with gross 72, net 69 beating Greg Collins, gross 75, net 69 on count-back.

Dan Taylor shot gross 85, net 68 to win Division 2 from Tim Palmer who, with gross 83, net 70, beat Mike Wiggins gross 86, net 70 on count-back.

Chris Terrett shot the best net score of the day with a gross 87, net 65 to take Division 3. Kevin Hopwood was second on gross 88, net 68 while Paul Barton with gross 91, net 69 was third.

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November

No sun - no moon!

No morn - no noon -

No dawn - no dusk - no proper time of day.

No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,

No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,

No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds!

November!

Thomas Hood 1799-1845

Although not as stark a picture as Thomas Hood describes above, 2018 is slipping into darker and wetter days, so the chances of catching West Berks in its Autumn Glory are diminishing.

Our photographic competition is drawing to a close with just one more week to go, unless we have a sunny spell!

Left: Tina Mulford catches Sian Soanes among the trees to remind us of warmer days.

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Team Matters - a summary of 2018

APART from the M4 Seniors Golf League where the season 2018/19 is still in early stages, the rest of the West Berks representative teams are having a well-earned break.

Immediate return to Division 1 for Sevens

The star performer this year was without question the Central Sevens team led by Tim Howes.

As reported in TTNB Issue 063 back in October, they were comfortable winners of Division 2 of the Central Sevens Golf League and follow last year's relegation with immediate promotion back to Division 1.

For the record, of the eight matches played they won six and lost just two: away to Feldon Valley and Rye Hill. Congratulation to all those who took part.

Wet end to a long journey

Led by Stuart Harrison our Hillman Trophy team set out in the preliminary round against Harleyford back in April.

After a long haul during which they beat Henley, Oakland Park, Caversham Heath, Burford and Temple they fell at the very last hurdle when they lost in the final on October 6 to Harewood

Downs at a very wet and windy Newbury and Crookham.

Well done to all on a great campaign that went so close.

Tough ask for Scratch team

Led by Mark Kendal, the Scratch team face the toughest task of all playing in the Reading and District Inter-Club Golf League.

Having lost a number of players this year we struggled a bit in a very competitive league and were bottom of Division 2 winning just three and halving one of our ten matches.

Friendly, competitive, and great fun

The team fulfilling our Saturday Friendly matches during 2018 was led by Kevin Wilkins. Kevin reported on a good year of competitive fixtures and of the 12 matches played we won four, lost five and halved three.

The results are skewed somewhat because the way the fixtures worked out this year we played eight away matches. One of our four home games, against Ogbourne Downs, was curtailed to eight very cold wet and windy holes after which the contest was declared an honourable draw. We also lost at home

to Broome Manor but gained revenge in the last match of the season by winning away.

Seniors take third spot

As reported previously the Seniors team, led by senior captain David Gentleman, playing in the M4 Seniors Winter League, won their Division and the quarter final but lost the semifinal at the first extra hole.

On finals day they won the play-off to take third spot.

In a mixed start to the 2018/19 campaign they have won one, halved one and lost one.

Ladies and mixed friendlies

Our lady captain, Sandy Miller, reports that despite the hot summer the weather played a big part in this year's fixtures.

One match in March was postponed until July, one in April was curtailed to nine holes and two more were cancelled due to inclement weather.

In all, we played eight matches with two wins, two halves and four defeats. We also played two mixed matches halving one and losing one.

Let's hope the weather plays a less significant part next year.

The rest of 2018 at West Berks

November

Tue 6	Ladies: Winter Trophy S'ford
Sat 10	Ladies: Winter League
	Ladies AGM (14.30)
Sun 11	Men: Gillas Cup R2
Tue 13	Mixed: Portuguese Caddy Trophy
Sat 17	Men: Stableford
	Ladies: Winter League
Sun 18	Men: Gillas Cup Final
Wed 21	Club AGM (19.30)
Sat 24	Ladies: Winter League
Sun 25	Men: Winter League R1

December

Sat 1	Mixed: Fun competition
Sun 2	Men: Winter League R2
Tue 4	Ladies: Winter Trophy Stableford
Sat 8	Ladies: Winter League
Sun 9	Men: Winter competition
Tue 11	Ladies: 8 hole comp and Xmas Lunch
Wed 12	Men: Midweek Turkey Trot Singles
	Ladies: Midweek Turkey Trot Singles
Sat 15	Men & Ladies Turkey Trot Singles
Sun 16	Men & Ladies Turkey Trot Team
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