

It's Christmas and we're all trotting except the turkeys

Ladies kick off the celebrations

Christmas celebrations began with the ladies eight-hole competition followed by Christmas lunch on Tuesday December 11. The team comprising Ola Adams, Gale McAuley and Helen Bell won the Dallas Scramble with Georgie Seaman, Shelagh Lancaster and Carol Sparvell taking the runners-up spot.

There followed a visit from Santa, heavily disguised as Keith Miller, to distribute the Secret Santa presents. Judging by the amount of kissing and

There followed the now traditional performance from the VEEGEES, a renowned singing group formed by mature male members of WBGC who use this event to warm up for a busy Christmas programme.

Tina and Colin win in midweek

Both the men's and ladies' midweek singles

Turkey Trot competitions were held the following day when Colin Bell won the men's event with 39 points winning on count-back from Mark Richardson with Dave Watkins third with 36.

Tina Mulford won the ladies' competition with 28 points, one point clear of Gale McAuley in second place while Renee Wheeler with 25 points beat Mary Harwood on count-back to take third spot.

Weekend weather beaters

The weekend singles competition was played in dreadful conditions of strong winds, heavy rain and freezing temperature. Under the conditions, Chris Ward's winning score of 37 points was remarkable and he was followed home by Simon Matton in



Helen Bell, Gale McAuley and Ola Adams

second place with 35 and Giles Feltham was third with 33.

The team winners

The weather was much kinder on Sunday when Bob Ekins, Gary Robinson, Mark Kendal and Nigel Day won the team event while Chris Prior, Gary Waterston, Dan Taylor and Dan Bowsher were second and Mark Charlton, Tony Atkins, Kevin Good and Charles Dixon were third.

Congratulations go to all those who took part and who organised the day,



A seasonal start for Graham Miles, Tina Mulford, Toby Richards and Johnnie Corbridge

cuddling going on in the photographs deemed too hot for publication, it seems that Santa is a major beneficiary of the Christmas spirit that he spends so much time in fostering.



Bob Ekins, Gary Robinson, Nigel Day and Mark Kendal

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Other results

Ola wins in Winter Trophy

On Tuesday December 4 Ola Adams won the ladies' Winter Trophy stableford with 32 points. There was a three-way tie on 28 points for second place between Mary Harwood, Sandy Miller and Renee Wheeler that was resolved in that order on count-back.

Jane wins by a whisker

There was also a three-way tie in round six of the ladies' Winter League when Jane Brackenbury scored 31 points to take first place from Tina Mulford and Sian Soanes on count-back.

Gary, Dan and Chris win winter comp

The team comprising Gary Waterston, Dan Bowsher and Chris Prior won the men's winter competition played on Sunday December 9.

They scored 152 in the stableford competition in which all three stableford scores count but each player's score is doubled on six pre-determined holes.

Second on 148 was the team of Darren Boulton, Andrew Greaves and Paul Beake while Mark Charlton, Tony Atkins and Charles Dixon were third on 142.

Thanks to Tina Mulford and Keith Miller for photographs in this issue

No tears for CRY

A feature of the festivities on Sunday was that our captains, Sandy Miller and Nigel Day, presented a cheque for £7,221.55 to Ulrike Rowbottom of CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) charity.

Ulrike thanked all WBGC members for their efforts and generosity and talked about the work that CRY does to reduce sudden cardiac deaths in young people. A great effort by all concerned - well done WBGC!



More pics from the festive week. Left: Giles Feltham, Ian Lewin, Stuart King and Ian Haines are about to harness up while right Santa is finding out what Carol Sparvell wants for Christmas



Best wishes to all West Berks members and TTNB readers for a very happy Christmas and a happy and healthy 2019