



Business as usual as weather abates

NO MATTER how scenic the photographs of the recent snow that covered the course forcing it to be closed for eight days, it's good to be back with news about the game of golf featuring our early season winners.

Sian and Carl mixed magic

The first off after the break were Sian Soanes and Carl McCartney who won, with 43 points, the mixed Valentines better-ball stableford competition played on Saturday February 9.

They were three ahead of Renee Wheeler and Bob Fagg who took second place while Gale and Tom McAuley were a further point behind third.

Chair and Chop on top

Your correspondent resisted the temptation to use a mischievous headline such as *'Hoppy and Choppy need chopping'* after seeing the result of the greensome competition that formed Round 5 of the men's winter league on Sunday February 10.

John (Chopper) Harris and Kevin Hopwood overcame high winds, rain and sleet to score a remarkable 48 points winning by four from Pete Ford and Andrew Livingstone. Steve Cox and Kevin Wilkins were third with 43.

'Olé' for Ola and Dennis

Ola Adams and Dennis White won the midweek mixed Valentine Trophy

competition that was played on Tuesday 12 February in what our organiser, Jane Wilmore, described as really good weather for mid-February. There was a splendid turnout of 24 pairs playing in this 4BBB competition for the trophy that is dedicated to the memory of past member Ian Bell. We are grateful to Ian's widow, Ann, who presented the trophy and prizes after the competition.

Ola and Dennis's score of 46 points was just two ahead of Bob Fagg and Jane Wilmore who claimed second spot while Patrick Wilmore and Renee Wheeler were third with 42.

Gale takes Round 12

Gale McAuley won the penultimate round of the ladies' winter league on Saturday 16 with 33 points. Jane Brackenbury beat Tina Mulford on count-back to take second spot.

Jane Brackenbury leads the way going into the final round next Saturday with 162 points followed by Gale McAuley with 154 and Tina Mulford on 150. Somebody has to play really well next week to wrest the title from Jane!



Ola, Ann and Dennis

Seniors win half at Calcot

The seniors gained a highly creditable half at Calcot in the M4 Senior Winter League played on Monday 11 in a match that was postponed from the previous week due to the inclement weather.

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Important diary change

Please note following further negotiations with the Southern PGA, the **2019 Kerridge Pro-Am** will be held on **Thursday July 11** and not July 18 as indicated in the club 2019 diary.

After 9

Your halfway café provides a welcome break after nine holes of winter golf. *After 9* offers a range of hot soups, a choice of pastries and savoury snacks including hot-dogs, all to be enjoyed with a large mug of steaming tea, coffee or hot chocolate.

Support your local enterprise - it will be most appreciated.

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Please send items that you would like to be considered for the bulletin to Dave Ware at: dgw.ware@gmail.com

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2019 Reciprocal clubs

AS usual the arrangements with reciprocal clubs allow West Berks' members to enjoy either free golf or very favourable deals at 17 other clubs.

The arrangements for 2019 are as follows:

Full reciprocal - no fee involved:

Caversham Heath

Clandon Regis – near Guilford

Coombe Wood – Kingston upon Thames (not Tuesdays)

Cotswold Club – Chipping Norton

Heythrop Park – Chipping Norton

Hollywood – South Birmingham

Royal Ascot GC

Stinchcombe Hill - Dursley Gloc.

Test Valley

Upavon

Weybrook Park

Windlesham

At the following clubs a guest green fee has to be paid:

Bicester: £10

Chipping: Sodbury £15 Monday to Thursday

North Wilts: nominal fee of £5

Orchard Leigh: £17 weekdays, £22 weekends

Studley Wood: £10

Conditions may apply - it is essential that you make your bookings through the Pro Shop.

Caption Competition



We have three more entries to our caption competition.

From Brian Fletcher:

"We could have spent more time on the course if we had known about that coin counting machine at NatWest, Newbury."

And, two from Tina Mulford:

"I'm not sure we should be gambling all this charity money on a game of poker."

"CRY? I will if I have to count all this again!"

Send your entry to Dave Ware at: dgw.ware@gmail.com

Coming up at West Berks

February

Mon	18	Seniors: M4 League v Sandmartins (H)
Fri	22	Men: Midweek Stableford
Sat	23	Ladies: Winter League R13 of 13
Sun	24	Men: Winter League R6
Mon	25	Seniors: M4 League Donnington Grove (A)
Wed	27	Men: Midweek Stableford

March

Sat	2	Men: Stableford Ladies: Monthly Medal
Sun	3	Men: Monthly Medal
Mon	4	Seniors: M4 League v Sandford Springs (H)
Tue	5	Ladies: Monthly Stableford
Thu	7	Men: Midweek Medal
Sat	9	Ladies: Spring Stableford
Sun	10	Men: Spring Competition

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Gary Robinson won the men's winter competition played yesterday.

He scored 43 points in the singles stableford event and won by one shot from Kevin Wilkins in second place while Christy Whelehan made a welcome return by claiming third spot with 41 points.