



## Recent results at West Berks

THE WEATHER played a significant part in proceedings the week before last varying between dry and very windy to wet and very windy. This caused a disruption in the competition programme with both the men's midweek stableford and ladies medal competitions scheduled for Tuesday March 12 abandoned.

### Mary and Kevin Chappell winners

Fortunately things had dried out a bit by the weekend and on Saturday March 16 Kevin Wilkins and Mary Harwood overcame the residual high winds to win the Chappell Cup.

The pair, who previously won the competition in 2016, returned a highly commendable 38 points while Barry and Shelagh Lancaster were second with 33 points and Jason Kendal and Jane Brackenbury were one shot further back in third place.

### Kevin comes good

Kevin Good also overcame the extreme conditions to win the men's Saturday stableford with a splendid 40 points. Paul Reber, continuing his recent good form, scored 37 points and beat Ray Freeman by a single point to take second place.

### It's Kevin again

Enjoying a profitable weekend, Kevin Wilkins won the men's Spring Competition played on the Sunday scoring 49 points beating Mark Ramos to the prize on count-back. Count-back was also required to break a five-way tie on 37 points for third place with Fred Stephens edging it from Keith (Guz) Wilkins, Richard Bower, Chris Ramsey and Rob Camden.

### Dan wins in midweek

Dan Taylor won the men's midweek stableford on Wednesday March 20 with 41 points. Mark Richardson was second with 39 points while Daniel (Geordie) Duncan was one shot further back beating Lloyd Ponsford on count-back to take third place.

### All fun for Colin, Phil and Jock

It was at the time of going to press an unratified result that Colin Price, Phil Moss and Jock Douglas won the Fun Competition open to men and ladies on Sunday March 24 with 95 points.



Patrick Wilmore, Mike Denny and Rob Camden were second on 88 and Rob Griffiths, Ray Hinde and Tom Wickstead were third on 86.

### Footnote

Tim Palmer, Paul Stringer and Richard Bower were just one point out of the prizes but they did not go home empty-handed – See page 2 for the details.

## M4 Senior League

OUR SENIORS entertained Chobham on Thursday March 21 and won 3½ to ½ in the Round of 16 in the knockout stages of the M4 Seniors Winter League.

All reports indicate that it was a closely fought affair that had a period of high drama on the morning of the match. Phil Cannon was rushed to hospital after an accident at home so skipper, Dave Gentleman, discovered that he was a man short at 7.10am. Andy Robbings agreed to play at the last minute instead of going out with the roll-up, played with Tony Atkins and the pair won three and two. Well done Andy. More good news - Phil is fine!

We now play the winners between Magnolia Park or Winter Hill (they play tomorrow Tuesday 26) in the quarter-finals. The semi-finals will be held on April 9 at Temple GC and Finals Day is scheduled for April 16 at Calcot Park.

## TTNB Caption Competition



An entry from Aileen Summers:

Renee: "This lot's mine!"

Sandy: "That's fine with me, I've just found a rare coin."

Both sing: "We're in the money,"

Send your entry to [dgw.ware@gmail.com](mailto:dgw.ware@gmail.com)

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## Better late than ....



The presentation of the 2018 Pros Cup played back in August slipped under the radar and was finally made on Sunday.

The picture above shows Paul Stringer, Richard Bower and Tim Palmer collecting the trophy.

## Coming up at WBGC

Tue 26 Mixed: Midweek competition  
 Thu 28 Seniors: v Wrag Barn (H)  
 Sat 30 Men: v Sandford Springs (H)  
           Men: Stableford  
 Sun 31 Men & Ladies Fun Competition

### April

Tue 2 Ladies: Monthly Stableford  
 Wed 3 Men: Liddiard first qualifier  
 Thu 4 Ladies v Donnington Grove (H)  
 Fri 5 Men: Midweek Medal  
 Sat 6 Men: v Studley Wood (A)  
           Men: Scratch League v Sonning (H)  
           Ladies: Monthly Medal  
 Sun 7 Men : Monthly Medal  
 Wed 10 Men: Midweek Stableford  
           Men: Liddiard  
 Thu 11 Seniors: v Weybrook Park (H)  
 Sat 13 Men: Stableford  
           Men: C7s v Cotswold Club (A)  
           Mixed: Gamhall Trophy  
 Sun 14 Clama Trophy  
           Mixed: v Newbury & Crookham (A)

## Problem Corner: TTNB mind coach Fink Wright

Dear Fink

A few days ago I had the misfortune to lose a lens from a set of specially prescribed golf spectacles. Despite walking the course several times the search remains unsuccessful. For reasons not germane to this letter the cost of replacement is somewhat prohibitive.

I have applied a patch to the missing lens and am quite pleased with the rather dashing Nelsonesque effect that it conveys.

I would be pleased if you could advise if you have any knowledge of golfers that have overcome the disability of playing with impaired sight in one eye and any advice you may have as to how to manage the situation.

Yours etc,

Norman I Loosalot, Little Piddle, Wilts.

Dear Norman,

*Under the terms of my contract I am bound to declare that I immediately recognised the originator of this missive from the tone of the message, the textual errors in grammar and syntax and the postcode.*

*I would also like to correct an error of fact. It's true that Admiral Horatio Nelson lost an eye at the Siege of Calvi in 1793*

*but he did not wear an eye-patch until his area of operations moved to Hollywood many years later.*

*There are numerous famous people who have managed highly successful careers despite being physically challenged in this way. To mention just three: one of the finest all-round entertainers, Sammy Davis Jnr, the well-known if slightly eccentric detective, Colombo, and the celebrated author, James Joyce.*

*However I must curb your enthusiasm with a word of caution. All these, and the many others not mentioned here, were able to apply considerable talent, energy and commitment to achieve lasting success. Having exchanged correspondence with you in the past I would venture to suggest that you start at a distinct disadvantage.*

*If you do decide to proceed with this policy you must be aware that your long game could be compromised due to minor misalignment through the striking area while, when putting, it may be more difficult to assess the optimum line of direction. Fortunately both these issues are likely to be negated by your casual and, it has to be said, somewhat lackadaisical technique. I wish you well.*

*Fink Wright.*