



# TEE TIMES NEWS BULLETIN

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## Recent results at WBGC



Gale, Mike and Jane

WITH lovely, sunny weather dominating proceedings there is a full week of results to cover.

### Colin, Phil and Jock are winners

The official result of the Fun Comp played on Sunday March 24 was that Colin Price, Phil Moss and Jock Douglas won with 97 points, Patrick Wilmore, Mike Denny and Rob Camden were second on 90 beating Pete Dye, John (JC) Carroll and Carl McCartney on count-back.

### Graham grabs midweek prize

Graham Mort won the men's midweek stableford on Monday 25 with 40 points, Andrew Robbins secured second spot by winning a

three-way tie on 38 points with David Gentleman and Barry Lancaster.

### Gale, Mike and Jane waltz it

Gale McAuley, Mike Sparvell and Jane Wilmore won the mixed 'waltz' competition on Tuesday with 83 points.

Steve Haylor, Georgie Seaman and James Hirst were one point behind in second place while Ola Adams, Nobby Clark and Martin Neville were a further point back in third spot.

### Chris wins on Saturday

Chris Hunt won a high scoring Saturday stableford with 46 points.

Chris Prior was second with 44 while John (Chopper) Harris was a further two points behind third.

## Boating lake planning permission to be granted

THANKS to a source close to the West Berkshire Planning Department, TTNB can reveal that plans to convert the reservoir at West Berks into a boating and pleasure lake will be accepted at Tuesday's planning meeting.

This initiative is part of the drive by the owners to make the club more accessible to a wider audience and to engage youngsters in its activities.

The facility will boast a number of small boats for hire and also have an area for the operation of remote-controlled model craft. A small beach and paddling area are also under consideration.

A club spokesman, who wished to remain nameless, said of the project: "All golf clubs are faced with a declining and ageing membership.

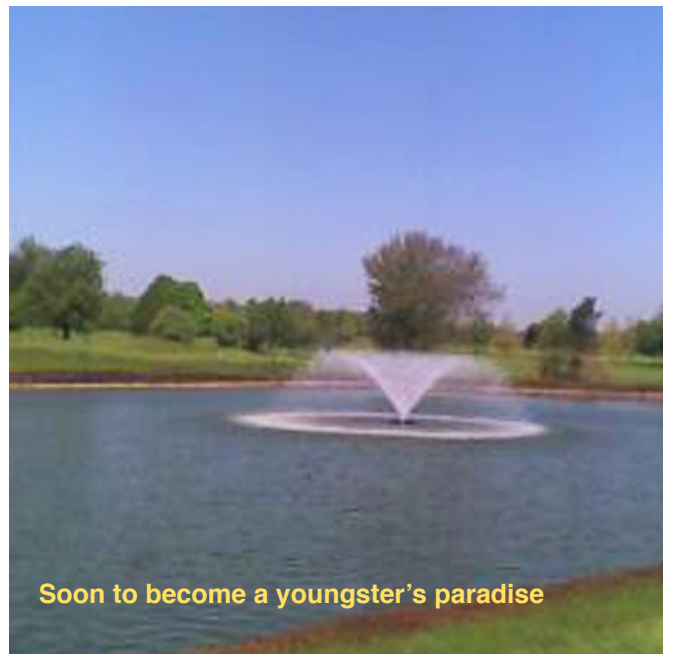
"This project will encourage young parents with children to frequent the club regularly at comparatively low cost. It is hoped that they will then become aware of what a great game golf is and hopefully create a whole new generation of members.

"We hope our existing members will fully support this initiative and overlook the minor inconveniences that may occur.

"Detailed plans are yet to be finalised although some minor changes will be required to improve access and provide shelter and changing facilities.

"These are likely to include repositioning the fifth and eighth greens but I can assure members that we will do all we can to ensure disruption is kept to an absolute minimum

"We have also given due consideration to the fact that a number of youngsters enjoying themselves in such an environment may create a little more noise than is normally associated with a golf course. We are considering measures to keep this to a minimum and one idea that has been floated by the sub-committee in charge of the project is that members will be encouraged to volunteer to act as marshals at busy times to request a



Soon to become a youngster's paradise

respectful silence at critical moments of play, particularly on the 18<sup>th</sup> green."

We will keep you informed of progress in TTNB and you can be certain that you will not have to wait until April 1 2020 for an update.

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## Teams matter

IT'S NOT only the weather that indicates spring is upon us. Another sure sign is that our club teams are embarking on a season-long campaign of inter-club challenges.

### Ladies win in Duncan Trophy

The ladies team won at home to Calcot on Tuesday March 19 in the first round of the Duncan Trophy, a BCLGA inter-club knockout competition for all clubs in Berkshire represented by a team of five players with handicaps between 10 to 25.

### Seniors start with a win

Our seniors, led by Barrie Seaman, got their season of friendly matches underway with a fine 5½ to 2½ win at home to Wrag Barn on Thursday.

### Men's friendly matches underway

The men's team, skippered by Kevin Wilkins, won 4 -2 at home to Sandford Springs in their first match of 2019 on Saturday.

### Seniors' M4 quarter-final date

Whereas most of our teams are just setting out on their seasons fixtures, the senior team playing in the M4 Seniors Winter League is reaching the climax of a long winter's activity. Having won their division, led by skipper David Gentleman, they have qualified for the knockout stages for the fifth year in succession. Having beaten Chobham in the Round of 16 we now play Magnolia Park away on Wednesday April 3 in the quarter-finals. We wish them well.

The semi-finals will be held on April 9 at Temple GC and Finals Day is scheduled for April 16 at Calcot Park.

## Coming up at West Berks

### April

- Mon 1 Mixed: v Donnington Grove (H)
- 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 Cotswld Club (A)  
Mixed: Gamhall Trophy
- Sun 14 Clama Trophy
- Mon 15 Seniors: Medal
- Tue 16 Seniors: v Ogbourne Downs (A)  
Ladies: Midweek Medal
- Wed 17 Men: Liddiard
- Sun 21 Men: Spring Easter Competition

## Caption comp update

WE HAVE a few entries to our caption competition but one received this week has special relevance in that it is from one of the two subjects of the picture in question.

As Renee Wheeler describes it as 'that awful picture of Sandy and myself' we will not show the image again but the caption from, in Renee's own words, 'the horses mouth' is well worth a place on the short list:

*"There's not even enough for a day out at Blackpool Sandy. I think we should make all Par 3 bunkers a penalty for the Captains' Charity."*

You have been warned!

## Kevin Wilkins the truth

THOSE who have been around at WBGC for any length of time will know that past captain, committee member and long-standing participant and captain of our representative teams, Kevin Wilkins, is a fine golfer.

But not as good as the editorial desk at TTNB would have you believe. Yes, he did win the men's competition played on Sunday March 17 but he scored 39 not 49 points as stated in these pages.

As you can see from the cutting below, the local press got the correct score but accompanied the report with a photograph either taken many years ago or confused it with an image of someone much younger with similar features. We may have overestimated his score but we do not underestimate his age.

An internal investigation to ascertain how this photograph was released from TTNB archives is ongoing.

### It's Wilkins at the double

**KEVIN Wilkins scored a double success at West Berks.**

Having won the Chappell Cup with Mary Harwood on March 16, Wilkins followed up by winning the men's Spring Competition the following day.

He scored 39 points, beating Mark Ramos to top spot on countback and countback was also required to break a five-way tie for third place.

Fred Stephens took the honours on 37 points, ahead of Keith Wilkins, Richard Bower, Chris Ramsey and Rob Camden.

Dan Taylor won the men's midweek stableford with 41 points.

Mark Richardson was second with 39 points, while Daniel Duncan was one shot further back, beating Lloyd Ponsford on countback to take third place.

West Berks' seniors beat Chobham 3½-½ in the round-of-16 in the M4 Seniors Winter League.

They now play the winners of the



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clash between Magnolia Park and Winter Hill in the quarter-finals.

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## Patrick publishes sequel

PATRICK WILMORE has written a sequel to his novel 'Annabelle and Gwendolyn', entitled 'After the Storm' and it is now available as an ebook on Amazon.