



## What's happened this week at West Berks

### Yellow ball winners

Mark Charlton, Tony Atkins, Ian Boyd and Charlie Dixon won the men and ladies fun competition played on Sunday March 31 scoring 123 points in the yellow ball, Am-Am format. They were followed home by Mark Ramos, Jock Douglas, Bernie Holden and Phil Moss with 121 points who beat Jane Brackenbury, Steve Cox, Jason Kendal and Kevin Wilkins on count-back.

### Mary wins monthly stableford

Mary Harwood overcame the rain to win the ladies' April stableford on Tuesday April 2 with 32 points. Aileen Summers was a point behind in second place and Georgie Seaman third on 28.

### Liddiard under way

Nick Bishop won the first Wednesday qualifier for the Liddiard Cup with 22 points. There was a three-way tie on 21 for second spot with the placing of Ian Lewin, Bernie Holden and Chris Prior decided on count-back.

Others who scored the requisite 19 points to qualify for the 18-hole final on July 31 were: Patrick Wilmore, Lloyd Ponsford, Chris Terrett and Stuart King.

*See Page 2 for details on the reinstated Herbie Sternberg Trophy.*

### Paul takes midweek medal

Paul Barton won the men's midweek medal on Friday with gross 93, net 71.

Greg Collins was second with gross 81, net 75 beating Andy Robbings who shot 83, net 75 on count-back.

### Gale's April medal

Gale McAuley won the ladies' April medal with gross 100, net 77 beating Sian Soanes on count-back while Georgie Seaman was third with net 78.

### It's Tina's eclectic

Tina Mulford won the ladies' winter eclectic competition that runs from October 1 to March 31 with 59.5, Jane Brackenbury was second on 61.0 and Gale McAuley third on 61.5.

### Ladies lose at home

The ladies lost their first friendly match of the season played against Donnington Grove at home on Monday April 1. It was a close encounter with every match decided on the eighteenth green with the visitors prevailing by 2½ to 1½.

### Seniors come to halt on M4 quest

The M4 Seniors Winter League team lost 4-0 in the quarter-finals away to Magnolia Park on Thursday. For more



Tina and Mary

details on this year's M4 campaign see Page 2.

### Men's team continues good form

The men's team followed up last week's win at home to Sandford Springs with a fine 3½ to 2½ away win at Studley Wood on Saturday.

*See Page 2 for the men's April medal result, the M4 story and the reinstatement of Herbie's Cup.*

## Get competitive

### TTNB advises how to maintain and regain a competitive handicap

IT IS WIDELY understood that to maintain a competitive handicap a player must return a minimum of three qualifying scores in a year. What is not so well known is that those scores must be returned in the current calendar year.

Clause 25.1 of the CONGU manual clearly states:

*" ..... If a player fails to meet this minimum requirement of Qualifying Scores in any calendar year the Competition Handicap status is lost. .... "*

The emphasis here is on the words 'calendar year'.

So, to retain or regain a competitive handicap, you must return three qualifying scores within the current calendar year. These

scores can be from nine or 18 hole qualifying competitions or supplementary scores. If you take the latter route please don't forget that you must register that you are returning a supplementary score in the pro-shop before the round.

So, to summarise: if you enter a new calendar year with a competitive handicap, that handicap will last for that year. If you fail to return three qualifying scores in that year you will lose your competition handicap status on January 1 the following year and to regain it you must return three qualifying scores in that new year. You should plan accordingly.

*Thanks to Gordon Munro for providing the relevant information.*

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## Strong campaign but M4 journey ends

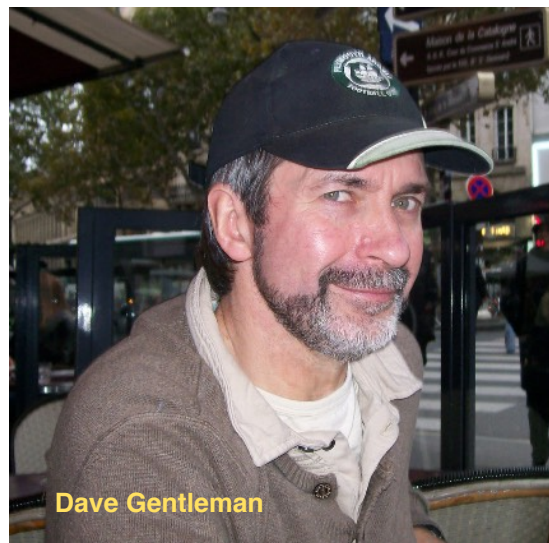
AS DESCRIBED on Page 1, Dave Gentleman, who has skippered the M4 Seniors League campaign for the past two years, was denied a chance of winning the event when they went out 4-0 away at Magnolia Park in the quarter-finals on Thursday.

Dave, who hands over to Rob Bridgeman for the 2019/2020 season, was full of praise for his players saying: "It was just not to be this year. We have played well as a team for two seasons and I would like to thank all those who played during that time for the effort, commitment and skill they have demonstrated that has enabled us to win our division both years, finish third last year and get to the quarter-finals this. There are not many teams that have a better record than that, if any. Next

season we go again with Rob leading the way. I am sure all the players will give him the same support that they have given me."

Those who played this year were: Tony Atkins, Rob Bridgeman, Phil Cannon, Tony Coventry, Jock Douglas, Bob Ekins, Bob Fagg, Roger Gaskell, Colin Harrison, Nick Jones, Bob Patten, Ray Pithers, Andy Robbings, Nigel Walkley and Alan Weddell.

Well done to all and particularly Dave Gentleman for all his work over the past two years in leading a team that has done West Berks proud.



Dave Gentleman

### Herbie's back

#### Trophy for Liddiard reinstated

MEMBERS of certain longevity will remember Herbie Sternberg, a large and larger than life character who was a member during the 1980s.

He donated the Herbie Sternberg Trophy in 1985 and it was first competed for in 1986, the year he returned to his native Australia.

It is to be reinstated this year and will be awarded to the player with the highest total of their five best stableford scores in the nine-hole Liddiard qualifiers.

Qualifiers can be played anytime on Wednesday, just book in the pro-shop before you play. You need a score of 19 to qualify for the final, an 18-hole qualifier, to be played on July 31.

So, no excuses - get out there on Wednesday and rack up some scores!

*Thanks to Ron Hurst for the background information.*

### Men's April medal result

TONY COVENTRY won Division 1 of the men's April medal played yesterday (April 7) with gross 79, net 71. Andy Robbings was second with gross 80, net 72 while Gary Robinson shot 83, net 73 to take third place.

Jon Bale won Division 2 with gross 85, net 71, Nigel Huszarik took second place with gross 91 net 73 ahead of Lee Nicholson who shot 87, net 74 to take third spot.

Rob Griffiths with gross 91 net 70 won Division 3, John Carroll claimed second spot with gross 93, net 71 while Paul Barton with gross 96, net 75 was third.

### The rest of April at WBGC

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)
Mon 15	Seniors: Medal
Tue 16	Seniors: v Ogbourne Downs (A) Ladies: Midweek Medal
Wed 17	Men: Liddiard
Sun 21	Men: Spring Competition (Easter)
Tue 23	Mixed: Midweek competition
Wed 24	Men: Liddiard
Thu 25	Men: Midweek Stableford
Sat 27	Scratch League v Sandford Springs (H) Men: Stableford Ladies: Turner Davies Trophy
Sun 28	Men & Ladies: Jersey Cup
Tue 30	Men: Midweek Medal Ladies: Monthly Stableford

### Darren - our marathon man

DARREN GALBRAITH is running the London Marathon on April 28 to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

You can support this noble effort, in aid of a very good cause, by completing the sponsor form you can find on the bar in the clubhouse. If you would prefer to donate online, Darren also has a Virgin Money Giving account so just follow the link: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/darrenalbraith>

Every donation will be much appreciated and good luck to Darren for the 28th.