



What happened at West Berks this week

Jumping the lights

Freddie Stephens, Christy Whelehan and Nigel Day won the men's spring competition held on Sunday April 21.

They scored 92 points in the stableford competition known as Traffic Lights where each team decides which player would play off which of the red, yellow and white tees on offer at each hole.

Note: According to informed opinion, this format requires a high level of tactical skill to decide which is the best tee for each player to use on each hole. All I can say is that the winners must have all played very well. **Ed.**

Nigel Huszarik, Gary (Murph) Abraham and Jimmy Green were second on 89 and Bob Graham, Patrick Wilmore and Rob Camden were third on 86.

Stopped beating your wife?

Notoriously a difficult question to answer, Mike Sparvell found it a particularly testing enquiry on Tuesday when, partnered by Mary Harwood, Aileen Summers and Alan Trotman he won the midweek, mixed, yellow-ball competition with 113 points.

In the process his team beat Carol Sparvell, Rob Small, Renee Wheeler and Colin Bell into second place by two clear shots. Well!

AA out in front

Alexander Anderson scored 40 points to win the men's midweek stableford on Thursday. In-form Andy Robbins was second on 37 and Colin Bell was a further point back in third place.

Liddiard

There were just four qualifiers in this week's nine-hole Liddiard competition on Wednesday. Bernie Holden led the way with 22 points followed by Patrick Wilmore and Darren Boulton on 20 and Geoff Dominy on 19.

Tina survives

The howling gale that swept across West Berks on Saturday April 27 restricted the entry to the ladies' Turner Davies Trophy to just five, a number soon reduced to three once out on the course. Tina Mulford prevailed to win the trophy and she was followed home by Mary Harwood and Sandy Miller.

Although your correspondent thought the scores were quite respectable in the circumstances, TTNB has accepted a significant bribe not to reveal such detail in these pages so you will have to check them out on HowDidiDo.

Paul prevails

Paul Reber also took on the conditions to win the men's Saturday stableford with 35 points. Phil Clare was second on 31 and Danny Collins was two shots behind in third place.



Shaun wins Jersey Cup

Shaun Ponsford won the Jersey Cup yesterday (Sunday) with a fine 40 points. The 11-handicapper shot a very tidy 12 pars and six bogeys to beat Tim Palmer who scored 37 points and beat Nick Jones on count-back to take second place.

Team Matters

The men's Saturday team made it three wins out of three when they beat Oxford City at home 4½ to ½. Meanwhile the Scratch team lost 5-2 at home to Sandford Springs.

The mixed friendly match scheduled at Newbury and Crookham for Sunday May 5 has, regrettably, been cancelled but it is hoped that the fixture will be rearranged for a later date.

This week at WBGC

April

Tue 30 Men: Midweek Medal
Ladies: Monthly Stableford

May

Wed 1 Men: Liddiard
Thu 2 Seniors: v Drayton Park (A)
Ladies v N Wilts (A)
Sat 4 Men: v Ogbourne Downs (A)
C7s v Drayton (H)
Ladies: Monthly Medal
Sun 5 Men: Monthly Medal

Seniors' Section

Match Format Review

The results of the review of arrangements for senior inter-club friendly matches are now available at the bar in the clubhouse.

Barrie Seaman and Bob Ekins, who conducted the review, thank all those who took part.

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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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Darren does it!

And gets a hole-in-one for good measure

IT WAS quite a week for Darren Galbraith. On Monday he recorded a hole-in-one on Hole 11 (pitching wedge, two bounces and in) while on Sunday he completed the London Marathon.

Darren, who has been running for four years and training specifically for the marathon for five months, ran the 26.2 miles in a highly commendable 4hrs 44min 07secs.

So far he has raised a massive £2,226.96 that will be shared equally between Macmillan Cancer Support and Prostate Cancer UK and Darren promises there is quite a bit more to come.

Well-done Darren. A great effort for two worthy causes.



Darren at the finishing line with son Jack

Anyone recognise this man?



Dear Sir,

A few months ago I played in a very enjoyable mixed match at West Berks when I had the pleasure of playing with a charming and generous man who is a member at West Berks. He was extremely attentive during my stay and I must confess that I had hoped that we may be able to repeat the pairing in a future match.

Unfortunately, I have lost his contact details but I do have this photograph that I think you will agree demonstrates a very distinctive swing. I write in hope that someone at West Berks will recognise it and provide me with the necessary details.

Yours sincerely

Beatrice Bedmee-Kwik

Ewelme, Oxon.

If you wouldn't mind

Dear Sir, I read with interest last week's article in TTNB in which we were advised to address a ball politely having launched it. As someone charged with closing down competitions at the club, I wonder whether this approach will work with those who submit competition cards at West Berks. Surely it's worth a try so here goes:

Dear Competitor,

I hope you don't mind but there are just a couple of trivial matters that I would like to draw to your attention.

Firstly, when you enter a competition I wonder if I could ask you, only if it's not too much trouble of course, to just jot your name down on the card that you return. You would be surprised how much easier it is for us to know who has actually entered the competition.

Also, if you have time I wonder if you could be so kind as to write legibly. I don't want to sound picky but it really is a great help if we can read what's on the card.

There are also a couple of other things that would be rather helpful. We would be most obliged if you could bring yourself to enter the final score in the large rectangular box at the bottom of the card. Also, if you are lucky enough to score a two, we would recommend that you circle the score so we can be sure that you get your deserved share of the spoils.

Finally, I really can't stress enough how important it is for you to enter your handicap on the card, the correct gross scores at each hole in the space provided and ensure that both yourself and the marker sign the card. Failure to do this will result in automatic disqualifications. Actually, this is not too much of a problem for us: we just whack down DQ and go to the next card.

That's really all I have at the moment. I am so grateful that you have spared the time to give this humble missive your valuable attention.

My very best regards

(Name and address supplied)