



## Recent happenings at West Berks

THE WEATHER was quite wretched for the first part of the week but cheered up a bit towards the weekend. Before moving on to this week's events we have a couple of items to catch up on from last week.

### Men's Pairs Open

In last week's issue we acclaimed Peter Grayson and Phil Clare on winning the Macca Trophy in the Men's Pairs Open held on Saturday June 8 with 45 points but we had no other results at time of going to print. The results are:

**West Berks pairings:** Charles Dixon and Kevin Holland took first place with 43 points beating Luke Prestoe and Dan Taylor on count-back with Chris Ward and Simon Edgington third on 41.

**Visitors:** In first place were Bruce Hyde-Linaker and Dave Titcomb of North Oxford on 39 points, Graham Bristow and Brian Hobbs of Magnolia Park were second also on 39 missing out on count-back while Paul Barrow and Wes Dymond finished in third place on 36 points.

There were four winners in the 'twos-club': Ian Lewin, Chris Ward, Nigel Day and Alex Ell of Chipping Sodbury (a wonderfully named course for any Dr Spooner fans among our readers).

### President's Putter - a correction

In the email version of TTNB last week we claimed that Richard and Rob Camden beat Mark Ramos and Degga Smith on count-back to take third place. In fact it was quite the opposite and Mark and Degga were placed third. Sorry for the error.

Other prizes were nearest the pin: Division 1 Jason Kendal, Division 2 Paul Chadwick, Division 3 Chris Terrett. The winner of the longest drive (on the tenth) was Pete Dye.

### Andy clear in medal

Andy Robbings won the seniors' midweek medal on Tuesday June 11. His score of gross 78, net 70 was a full five shots clear of Graham Short with gross 85, net 75 in second place while George Jameson was third with gross 93, net 76.

### Liddiard update

Robin Land won the nine-hole Wednesday Liddiard qualifier on June 12 with 21 points. There were five other qualifiers: Chris Terrett and Stuart King with 20 points and Ian Lewin, Brian Bailey and Bob Patten with 19.

### Andrew's stableford

Andrew Greaves won the men's midweek stableford on Friday June 14 with 39 points. Darren Boulton was second with 34 points while Greg Collins with 28 was third.

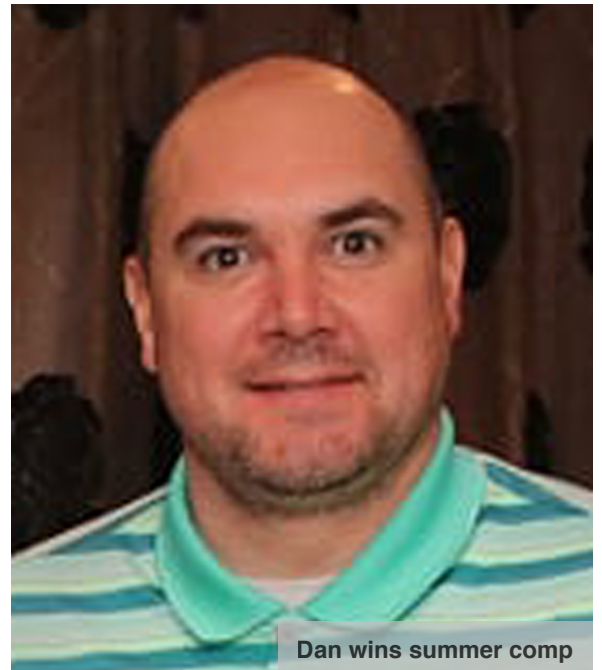
### Gale and Pat win PING

Gale McAuley and Pat Treacy with 38 points won the West Berks qualifying round of the national PING Women's Fourball Betterball competition with Jane Brackenbury and Renee Wheeler second with 36 and Tina Mulford and Sian Soanes third with 35.

The 50 best scores in England qualify for the national final while the next 50 qualify for the plate final. We can but wait!

### Dan wins summer comp

Daniel Bowsher won the not particularly aptly named Summer Competition played on June 16. He overcame a strong wind



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throughout and occasional rain showers to return a splendid 42 points. Andrew Greaves followed his win on Saturday with 38 points to beat Mark Ramos into second place on count-back.

### Vets thwarted in the rain

Our veterans played through driving wind and rain at Bicester on Monday June 10 and lost 5½ to ½.

Skipper Martin Neville reports that his team of highly trained athletes are already in training and are determined to reverse the score in the return match in September.

### Seniors hold their own

The seniors played at home to North Wilts on Wednesday 12 and skipper Barry Seaman reports a very enjoyable match in which the spoils were shared 3-3.

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## Rules query answered

### Dealing with ball in animal hole in face of bunker

*TTNB received this query from a member:*

To: TTNB

Playing West Berks just a few days ago I found my ball in a deep burrow at the back of a bunker. Neither I, nor my playing partners knew what should happen next. After a brief discussion we decided to mark the back edge of the bunker, take one club length from the mark and drop in the bunker, without penalty.

I now think we were wrong! Upon further investigation, I understand that the ball is deemed to be outside the bunker. The required action is to retrieve the ball and then take a drop on the bank above where your ball finished, without penalty. Could you please advise me if this is correct.

*Name and email address supplied.*

*The TTNB rules guru replies:*

This is indeed the correct procedure. The extent of a hazard extends above and below the boundary of the hazard so if the ball has travelled down the hole beyond the bunker lip it is no longer in the hazard and you can drop outside the bunker with no penalty.

## A Champion weekend

Champion's weekend is almost upon us again and on Saturday and Sunday June 29 and 30 we will stage the championship medals for both the ladies and men.

There are also two other board competitions at stake with the Wise Trophy for handicaps between 13 and 18 and the Bennett Cup for players with handicaps 19 and over.

Off course, only one person can actually be the champion in each category but it's a sign of a champion just to enter and support the club and the championship.

And remember, there are always the net prizes to play for.

## Rest of June at West Berks

Mon 17	Men: Midweek Stableford
Tue 18	Ladies: Midweek Medal
Wed 19	Men: Liddiard
Thu 20	Seniors v Sand Martins (H)
Sat 22	C7s v Carswell (A)
Sun 23	Seniors' Championship
Mon 24	Seniors: v Donnington Grove (A)
Tue 25	Mixed: Midweek competition
Wed 26	Men: Liddiard
Fri 28	Men: Midweek Stableford
Sat 29	Men: Club Champs/Bennett/Wise R1 Ladies: Club Champs Rd 1
Sun 30	Men: Club Champs/Bennett/Wise R2 Ladies: Club Championship Rd 2

## Fink thinks about gimmes

TTNB celebrated mind coach Fink Wright answers a readers' letter.

**Dear Fink**

**The other day playing in a club match my opponent, although otherwise a genial and sporting opponent, failed to concede several putts from a couple of feet or so that surely should have been gimmes.**

**I have to admit that this unsporting behaviour upset me a little and on one occasion I missed a putt that definitely should have been conceded. Can you give any advice on how to deal with this situation if it occurs again.**

**Miffed of Midgham.**

*Dear Miffed, To concede or not to concede in match play is a crucial issue and forms an essential and intriguing part of the tactics relating to match play golf.*

*The clue to a 'gimme' is in the name. In it's simplest form it's conceded because it is not worth putting and it's too easy to bother about but, of course, that is not how it's used in match play golf.*

*If you are honest with yourself you would admit that you don't mind not being given a tap in. In truth, it's the ones you shouldn't but might miss that get under your skin.*

*My advice is simple. Your approach should be never to expect a putt to be conceded. If you are asked to putt when you think it's a gimme just take it.*

*Never feel, and certainly never appear, to be irked at being made to make a putt, however short. Look pleased to have the opportunity of making it. Take your time, line it up and tap it in – after all it is a gimme. I hope this may prove useful if you are ever selected again.*

*Yours Fink.*

*Send questions on any aspect of golf to Fink at TTNB*

## New date for Captains' Day

The Ladies and Mens Captains' Day, originally planned for Saturday June 22, will now be staged on Sunday July 14. You will note in your diary that it was originally planned to play Men's Invitation Day on July 14 but this event has been cancelled indefinitely.

It has been decided that the Men's Pairs Open, when we play for the Macca Trophy, should be the major event to which members can invite guests while also being open for visitors and we should concentrate all our efforts on that.

So please turn out on Sunday July 14 to support your captains and a really worthwhile charity, Macmillan Cancer Support.

And it's always a great day's golf!