



Superb round from Terry Phelps - our new senior champ

TERRY PHELPS returned a four-over par 77 off the white tees on Sunday June 23 to become West Berks' 29th Senior Champion. Playing off a handicap of 13 Terry shot two birdies, 12 pars, two bogies and just two doubles on holes 9 and 18 to return a net 64. Some round of golf!

Five-times previous champion, Tony Coventry, was second with 81 while three-time winner and last year's champion, Degga Smith, was third with 84.

There were also net prizes up for grabs and needless to say our new champion took first spot with net 64 followed by John (JC) Carroll with gross 94, net 72 while our chairman, Kevin Hopwood, with gross 92 net 72 was third.

The result is reward for the effort that Terry has been putting into his game of late. As he explained: "This is the best score I have ever had off any tee. I have been working very hard on my game lately but before this not getting much reward.

"I have recently changed my swing that has resulted in me hitting straighter off the tee and my poor shots are not getting me into as much trouble. It will be interesting to see if it continues or whether it was just one of those days."

An additional bonus for Terry is that he will now partner Paul Simpson in the regional qualifier of the national Staysure Trophy. More details on this will appear in later issues of TTNB.



Terry receiving trophy from Kevin Hopwood

The rest of the week's results

High scoring stableford

There were also some fine performances on Monday June 17 in a high scoring men's midweek stableford that Andy Robbings won with 40 points. Playing off a handicap of seven Andy scored ten pars and three birdies although a blob on 18 was nearly costly as he only beat George Jameson into first place on count-back. Derrick Perrin with 38 beat Darrell Banner on count-back to take third spot.

Renee wins medal

Renee Wheeler won the ladies' midweek medal on June 18 with a gross 101, net 80. She was followed home by Mary Harwood on net 85 and Jane Wilmore net 92.

Liddiard update

There were 11 entrants in the Liddard qualifier on Wednesday but only two scored the minimum 19 points required to qualify for the final to be held at the end of July. Chris Terrett won the day with 21 points while Jason Kendal, the only other qualifier, was second with 19.

Team matters

Out teams had mixed results this week.

The Central Sevens team had another fine away win on Saturday when they won 4-3 at Carswell. Well done to Tim Howes and his team.

Meanwhile, the Seniors beat Sand Martins at home 5-1 while the Scratch team lost 3-0 away to Reading GC in the Reading and District Scratch League foursomes KO competition.

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See overleaf for information on the rules relating to where to drop and what's coming up at West Berks

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Rules update

IN THIS issue we discuss another aspect of the rules that has been raised by a reader.

Dear TTNB

In a future edition of Tee Times can you please clarify the rules on the dropping club length relief distances with or without a penalty. There's a lot of confusion about dropping procedures so a clear explanation would be welcome.

Name and email address supplied

TTNB Rules Guru answers:

Relief should be measured using the longest club without the head cover, not including the putter. The nature of relief is dependant on a number of things. There are several rules covering various types of relief depending on circumstances, covered in **Rules 14 to 19**.

The way relief is allowed depends on where the ball is. It would take too long to give every detail, but the key information is:

Back on line relief is available for penalty areas and unplayable ball situations. Once the point on the line has been determined, the relief area is ONE club length.

Lateral relief is available for RED penalty areas and unplayable balls. The relief area is TWO club lengths. In the case of unplayable ball the rule reference is **Rule 19.2c**.

Free relief from immovable obstructions and abnormal ground conditions is ONE club length from the nearest point of full relief.

This is a précis of the rules, but covers the basics. There are other factors like 'no nearer the hole' for lateral relief that have to be considered.

It's getting busy

THE GOLF season is reaching a peak and West Berks is going to be a very busy venue over the next few weeks.

Championship Weekend

Having held the senior championship yesterday, next week (June 29 and 30) is 'Championship Weekend' when we stage the championship medals for both the ladies and men plus the Wise Trophy for men of handicaps between 13 and 18 and the Bennett Cup for handicaps 19 and over.

There is still time to enter and be a champion or at least contend for the net prizes.

Kerridge Pro-Am

The WBGC Kerridge Pro-Am is to be held on Thursday July 11. There is still time to enter this prestigious event and support our loyal sponsors.

This year it is organised by the PGA Southern Region with a wider range of professionals than ever before with increased prize money.

Entry fee for teams of three amateurs is £240, less £15 discount each for members of WBGC. Hole sponsorship is also available at £350 for team entry and sponsorship fee.

Entry forms are on the bar in the clubhouse. Please contact Paul for any additional information.

Captains' Day

The Ladies and Men Captains' Day, will be staged on Sunday July 14. This is always a great day's golf so please turn out to support your captains and a really worthwhile charity, Macmillan Cancer Support.

Coming up at West Berks

June

- 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 Championship/Bennett/Wise R1**
Ladies: Club Championship Rd 1
- Sun 30 **Men: Club Championship/Bennett/Wise R2**
Ladies: Club Championship Rd 2

July

- Tue 2 Men: Midweek Medal
Ladies: Monthly Stableford
- Wed 3 Men: Liddiard
- Thu 4 Ladies: v Caversham Heath (A)
- Sat 6 Men v Donnington Valley (A)
Men: Stableford
Ladies: Monthly medal
- Sun 7 Men : Monthly Medal

A name spelt any other way

Barry with a 'y'
To that, many would say aye!
To some, to spell 'i e'
Is a bit unnecessary
But when TTNB got it wrong
Barrie Seaman was soon on song
"Oh my, oh my, oh my", he said
I spell it: 'i e', not 'y'
Apologies offered
And accepted with good grace
It's only TTNB that may have lost face
Sorry Barrie, in future we won't use a 'y'
Or, at least, we'll promise to try