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Special Tiara withdrawn but here are remaining results

IT WAS a busy week at West Berks that was interrupted by horrendous weather in the form of torrential downpours on Tuesday. This caused the cancellation of the mixed Special Tiara Trophy but the rest of the week lived up to its billing of being summer competition time.

The results are:

Andrew wins in midweek

Andrew Greaves won the men's midweek stableford played on Monday July 29 with 39 points. He won by three points from Chris Prior who took second place while Alan Stark was third on 34.

Simon Barrie wins Liddiard

As we said goodbye to July 2019, Simon Barrie won the final of the Liddiard Cup on Wednesday. Qualification for this



competition started at the beginning of April and, in total, there were 357 entries over the 17 nine-hole qualifying rounds and 50 players qualified for the final.

Simon scored 41 points to take the title while Trevor Rogers also scored 41 missing out on count-back. The in-form, Andrew Greaves, followed up his win on Monday by taking third place with 40 points.

Charlie Saturday's man

Charlie Dixon won the men's Saturday stableford with 41 points. He was one point ahead of Simon Clifford who took

second place while Bob Ekins was third with 38.

Derrick and Renee on count-back

Derrick Perrin and Renee Wheeler won the Di Evans Millennium Shield on Saturday with 43 points. They won on count-back from Tom and Gale McAuley while Mark Kendal and Jane Brackenbury took third place with 41 points.

Team events

On Thursday our seniors enjoyed their third away win on the bounce with a fine $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ victory at North Wilts.

Skipper, Barrie Seaman's assessment of the match just



about sums up seniors' golf at its best. "A lovely day, great course and good people," he reported.

Next week Barrie takes a team to Wrag Barn. Now that would be a good place to extend the winning sequence.

Meanwhile, the Central Sevens team had a frustrating weekend losing 4-3 to Carswell 1 on Saturday in the league and to Carswell 2 in the knockout cup at Cherell Edge on Sunday.

Sunday's match was halved $1\frac{1}{2}$ each but we lost on the extra hole.

Skipper, Tim Howes, was not too disappointed commenting: "Not a great weekend but all the matches were very close and we were beaten by some exceptional golf played by our opponents."

See Page 2 to find out: Was it a birdie or blob? What is Tony ticking in the Trilby? What's on at West Berks?

Plus: STOP PRESS Men's August medal result

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Birdie or blob?

LAST WEEK we ran a story describing an incident when a group had thought that a fellow competitor's third shot had not cleared the pond on the eighteenth hole. After a search of the full three minutes allowed under the 2019 rules, they declared it lost and moved on only to find the ball settling snuggly, if not smugly, at the bottom of the hole.

The question asked of our rules guru was whether it was a birdie or a blob.

Our rules guru answers:

Rule 6.5 would seem to apply. The hole is completed when the player holes out.

This would seem to supersede rule 18.2a that deems a ball lost if not found within three minutes.

Editor's note:

So a birdie it is then and belated congratulations to Paul Stringer.

This reply would appear to answer another question that was posed by a reader this week. He asked what would have happened if, rather than being in the hole, the ball had been on the green hiding under a leaf.

It follows from the statement above that rather than having a par putt the player would be entering a big fat blob on his card.

Tough but that's how it must be I guess.

Coming up at West Berks

August

- Tue 6 Ladies: Monthly Stableford
- Wed 7 Seniors v Wrag Barn (A)
- Thu 8 Ladies v Sandford Springs (A)
- Fri 9 Men: Midweek Medal
- Sat 10 Men v Donnington Valley (H) Ladies: Stableford Sun 11 Men: Badger Trophy R1
- Mon 12 Men: Midweek Stableford
- Tue 13 Seniors: Medal
- Ladies: Eastwood Cup
- Thu 15Seniors v Marlborough (H)Sat 17Ladies: Stevenson Trophy
- C7s v Cotswold Club (H)
- Sun 18 Men: Badger Trophy R2
- Tue 20 Men: Midweek Stableford
- Ladies: SENIORS' CHAMPIONSHIPThu 22Seniors v Ogbourne Downs (H)
- Ladies: v The Springs (A)
- Sat 24 Men: Stableford
- Ladies: Steward's Cup
- Sun 25 Men and Ladies Fun Competition
- Tue 27 Seniors v Witney Lakes (A) Mixed: Midweek competition
- Wed 28 Men: Midweek Stableford
- Sat 31 LADIES OPEN

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Sunday Men's August medal results

Steve Cox won Division 1 of the August medal yesterday with gross 82, net 72. Mark Ramos was second with gross, 86, net 74 and Simon Matton was third with gross 85, net 76.

Garry Postlethwaite won Division 2 with the best gross score of the day, a splendid 79, net 65. Kevin Holland was second with gross 86, net 71 while Patrick Wilmore with gross 84, net 71 was relegated to third spot on countback.

Kevin Knape won Division 3 with a gross 97, net 71, Lloyd Ponsford took second spot with gross 94, net 72 while Bob Griffiths was third with gross 95, net 74.

WBGC Junior summer coaching 2019

Following last year's successful programme we are again running coaching courses for junior golfers on:

Tuesday August 6 Tuesday August 13 Tuesday August 20 Tuesday September 3

Tuition will be provided on the driving range, chipping and bunker play and putting.

Each session is from 1100 to 1300 at a cost of £15 a person.

Contact Ollie or Paul on: 01488 638574 or 07792 097976.

Tony ticks all the boxes on Trilby Tour

CONGRATULATIONS to Tony 'Ticker' Athawes who has qualified for the finals of the Tilbury Tour amateur golf tournament.

This prestigious event that has been running since 2007, hosts a series of regional championships across the UK to find the top 10 from each who earn their place at the International Grand Final.

Tony qualified thanks to 35 points scored in the regional round at The Springs on Tuesday.

Each regional championship is televised with an annual audience of over 3.5 million making the Trilby Tour the largest amateur golf television series in Europe. Well done Ticker!