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A successful Ladies' Open and a busy week at WBGC

FORTY-ONE teams competed in the Ladies' Open on Saturday August 31.

Our own Sian Soanes and Kim Richardson of Donnington Grove won the event with 44 points. Jo Holden and Sue Peberdy of Maidenhead were just one point behind in second place while Pat Treacy of West Berks and Sally Field of Royal Mid-Surrey were third with 41.

Karen Smith and Penny Cowley of Newbury and Crookham won the prize for the best front nine with 21 points while Fiona Thomas and Sally Tyrell of Drayton Park won the back nine with 21 points.

Well done ladies on another great event at West Berks.

Footnote: with 41 teams entered, the organisers were obviously charged with providing a marker for one pairing so Gale McAuley and Tina Mulford volunteered and scored 43 points. Well played Gale and Tina – on both counts.

Wilmores win Tiara Classic by a short head

Jane and Patrick Wilmore won the closely fought Special Tiara Classic with 42 points on Tuesday August 27.

The competition, set up in 2016 by Sally and Edmund Rowley-Williams who have since moved to the USA, takes its name from the successful, Group 1 winning racehorse of that name owned by Sally.

Lyn Pell and Derrick Perrin took second place with 41 points relegating Aileen Summers and Barry Francis to third place on count-back.

Greg takes midweek honours

Greg Collins scored 35 points to win the men's midweek stableford on Tuesday. Kevin Knape was second on 33 points while Brian Cowan was third with 29.

Mark makes it in medal

Mark Ramos shot a gross 80 net 68 to win Division 1 of the men's September medal yesterday (Sunday). Jack Findlater with gross 75, net 69 took second spot beating Charles Dixon on count-back.

Pete Dye won Division 2 with 86, net 71, while Keith Wilkins 92, net 74 was second and Rob Bridgeman third with 90, net 75.

Rob Griffiths won Division 3 with a gross 95, net 74, Paul Barton was second with 98, net 76 and Lloyd Ponsford with gross 99, net 78 took third place.

Seniors' unbeaten run extended

The seniors maintained their fine run of form with a 3-3 half away to Witney Lakes on Tuesday. All the matches were closely fought with four going down to the last hole.

This extends the unbeaten run of ten matches that includes seven wins, four of which were away.



Sian and Kim collect prizes from Mary



Patrick and Jane with Tiara Classic trophy

It's official. TTNB has a fan

TTNB may not have gained recognition from Buck House on reaching 100 issues but we have received a very welcome email from WB member, Ian Saunders. Ian writes:

Well done for reaching the 100th edition. I find this regular communication really valuable and it makes me feel much more a club member. Keep it up.

Ian Saunders

Many thanks Ian - most appreciated - Ed.

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Update on rules query

Play it as it lies? Not always

What's coming up at WBGC

Many thanks to the Hopwood Ash Financial Planning Consultancy for printing this bulletin

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As a rule

TTNB Rules Guru considers the query lodged by a reader last week

IN LAST week's issue (TTNB 100), a reader asked a two-part question relating to a situation that arose after he played a ball into a bush. He played a provisional then 'found' a ball that he could neither access nor retrieve and he was only about 60% sure that it was the original ball he had played.

Should he declare the ball lost and play the provisional or does he claim the ball to be his and, if he does, can he play another ball in its place?

Our Rules Guru explains:

The second part of the question is straightforward. Rule 28 that deals with taking relief from an unplayable lie clearly states: *'when proceeding under this Rule, the player may lift and clean his ball or substitute a ball'*.

The identification of the ball would appear to be a simple question of 'yes' or 'no'. Rule 7.2 details how a ball may be identified. One way is by seeing the player's identifying mark on the ball. In his email our correspondent says he

could see a marking of similar colour and the ball was the same make and type. The situation is that he must decide if it is or isn't his ball. There is nothing in the rules, as far as I can see, about being 50% sure or unsure.

Rule 18.2a refers to a lost ball and simply states that if a ball is found the player has a reasonable time to identify it. The rule then states *'if the player does not identify it as his ball in that time, then the ball is lost'*.

So to answer our reader's question. He must decide if that ball is his. I am afraid there is no advice regarding percentage. If he decides it is his then he can take relief using another ball as above. If he decides he cannot identify the ball as his, it is lost and in this example the provisional ball would be in play.

If he had not played a provisional he would be facing the dreaded trudge back if the competition was a medal.

I don't think we have heard the last of this - Ed

'Play it as it lies' - not always sound advice

REGULAR readers will know that the advice that you cannot go far wrong if you play your ball as it lies is something of a mantra at TTNB. There are, of course, times when you should not do so and others when you simply cannot.

An example of the former is when you are forbidden - your ball may be out of bounds, in GUR or in areas protected under local rules.

There are also times when it is just not practical and our picture, kindly provided by Stevie Cox, shows such an instant. This ball lies between the seventeenth green and the eighteenth tee and was exposed, but blissfully undisturbed, by recent pruning in the area.

In this case the player is clearly out of time. Time that now makes identification difficult and playing it well nigh impossible. As we all know the new rules in 2019 mean that relief from an embedded ball has been extended from 'closely mown areas' to 'general areas', the new term for 'through the green' but surely they didn't have this situation in mind. My guess is that the next time anyone plays that ball it will be with a poker in front of a blazing fire!

Rumour has it that Coxy spent a full three minutes trying to prise it from position before settling for a photograph.



Coming up at West Berks in September

Mon 2	Seniors v Sand Martins (A) Ladies: Harris Cup Final	Sun 8	CAPTAINS' CHARITY DAY
Tue 3	Men: Midweek Stableford Ladies: Monthly Stableford	Mon 9	Veterans v Bicester (H) Men: Midweek Stableford JHB Trophy Week commences
Thu 5	SENIORS' OPEN	Wed 11	Seniors: Medal
Sat 7	Men v Studley Wood (H) Scratch League v Calcot Patk 2 (A) Men: Stableford Ladies: Monthly Medal	Thu 12	Seniors v Witney Lakes (H)
		Sat 14	Men v Goring and Streatley (A)
		Sun 15	Men: Crawford Cup