



The week's results at West Berks

Georgie's winter win

The ladies' Winter Stableford played on Tuesday January 7 was won by Georgie Seaman with 36 points. Gale McAuley was second on 29 while Jane Wilmore with 25 beat Sandy Miller on count-back to take third spot.

Gale wins R6

Round 6 of the ladies' Winter League was played on Saturday in extremely windy conditions. Gale McAuley won with 31 points, Tina Mulford was a point behind in second place while Jane Brackenbury was third with 26.

Big scores in the Marmite

Round 3 of the men's Winter League was played yesterday (Sunday). The format was a better-ball Stableford competition where contestants were limited to just three clubs and a putter. Judging by the discussions in the bar afterwards this format is either loved or hated by participants, hence the headline.

Whatever the opinions, the high scoring (23 of the 46 pairs competing scored 40 points or more) once again throws up the question as to why most players carry close to the maximum 14 clubs when fewer would appear to suffice.

Legend has it that most amateurs carried eight or nine clubs in the early days. It was not until the USGA in 1938 and the PGA a year later introduced the 14 club limit to prevent professionals from carrying an inordinate number of clubs, did amateurs increase the number they carried – or should that read 'trollied' or 'buggied'.

Back to Sunday's competition. There was a remarkable four-way tie on 44 points with the placing resolved by count-back.

Dan Taylor and Lloyd Ponsford took first place followed by Andrews Morton and McAllister, Tony Atkins and Mark Charlton and Pauls Barton and Stringer.



Georgie a winter winner

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A New Year message from TTNB

New Year's Day is traditionally a time for setting plans for the coming year. By January 13 that process has probably been modified to thinking about when exactly these noble resolutions are to be implemented or whether they are really compatible with the Happy New Year everyone has been wishing you.

The editorial team at TTNB is no different and we have been giving due consideration to what we should be offering our readers over the coming months. Time flies! It was in April 2017 that it was decided to replace the four-page, quarterly Tee Times magazine with a one or two-page newsletter produced on a weekly basis when sufficient content was available. This is TTNB 116 and I suppose that in itself indicates that the formulae is reasonably successful.

We will continue to concentrate on golfing news and activities of the club covering individual and team results both home and away.

We will also endeavour to keep members informed as to what's on at West Berks to encourage participation and support of all club competitions and events.

Recognising that there is an educational element to TTNB and we will continue to inform members of changes in the rules and deal with other major issues. One such is the massive change in the way our handicaps will be assessed when the World Handicap System is introduced in November of this year.

The eminent sports psychologist, Fink Wright will continue to answer readers' letters (he would love to hear from you)

and we are also planning to hold an occasional feature entitled 'OPINION'.

This will provide readers a vehicle to express any thoughts or opinions they may wish to express about golf, the club or life in general. Please let us know your thoughts – total anonymity will be maintained if requested.

Finally, at TTNB there will always be a political and campaigning element in our editorial programme. We will not be deterred by the fact that our ambitious and very practical plan to convert the reservoir into a children's boating lake came to nothing. Watch this space. Have a great golfing year.

In next week's issue: an update on men's and ladies' Winter League and our first 'OPINION' article.

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If you have any items or ideas for TTNB or you would like to receive a copy please email Dave Ware at: dgw.ware@gmail.com

Who's Who at WBGC 2020

Who will be doing what at the club this year

WBGC 2020 Officers and General Committee

President:	Gordon Munro	(01235 764139)
Chairman:	Kevin Hopwood	(07721 937642)
Secretary:	Sandy Miller	(07974 231485)
Treasurer:	Nick Jones	(07468 594737)
Men's Captain:	Rob Bridgeman	(07866 983060)
Mens Seniors' Captain:	Bob Ekins	(07885 067391)

General Committee Members

Competitions:

Greg Collins	(07983 430098)
Stuart Harrison	(07879 476769)
Stuart Murphy	(07808 917865)
Patrick Wilmore	(01235 767500)

Handicaps:

Kevin Wilkins	(07834 317517)
Bob Fagg	(07870 584535)
Brian Reid	(07768 192401)

Ladies Section:

Secretary:	Jane Wilmore	(01235 767500)
Handicaps:	Gale McAuley	(01367 240467)
County Delegates:	Ola Adams	(01488 638884)
	Renee Wheeler	(01488 71885)

Ladies' Organising Group:

Ola Adams, Gale McAuley, Tina Mulford, Lyn Pell, Georgie Seaman,
Sian Soanes, Renee Wheeler and Jane Wilmore

Club Team Captains/Organisers:

Oxfordshire Scratch League:	Nigel Day (07786 198256)
	Greg Collins (07983 430098)
Central Sevens League:	Colin Price (07948 341911)
Hillman Trophy KO:	Tim Howes (07485 134365)
Men: Saturday Friendlies:	Kevin Wilkins (07834 317517)
Men: Seniors' M4 Winter League (2019/2020):	Rob Bridgeman (07866 983060)
Men: Seniors' Friendlies:	Bob Ekins (07885 067391)
Men: Veterans' Friendlies:	Martin Neville (01635 202320)
Ladies and Mixed Friendlies:	Sian Soanes (01635 247677)
	Jane Brackenbury (07825 223693)

Coming up at West Berks

January

Sat 18	Ladies: Winter League	Mon 3	Seniors: M4 League v Sand Martins (A)
Sun 19	Men: Winter Competition	Tue 4	Ladies: Winter Stableford
Sat 25	Ladies: Winter League	Sat 8	Ladies: Winter League
Sun 26	Men: Winter League R4	Sun 9	Men: Winter League R5

February

Sat 1	Ladies: Winter League	Tue 11	Mixed: Valentine's Trophy
Sun 2	Men & Ladies: Fun Competition	Sat 15	Mixed: Valentine's Day Competition
		Sun 16	Men: Winter Competition