



## Two uninvited visitors put a stop to golf

TTNB is rapidly becoming a weather report rather than a summary of golf results. In our most recent issue, published on Monday February 3, it really did seem as if the golf season was up and running.

Tina Mulford had made a significant and timely move to the top of the ladies' winter league, Georgie Seaman was winning a ladies' midweek stableford, the sheets were up for the Walsh, Classic and Dowling and golf seemed to be gearing up to top speed again. There have been just two results to report since.

### Georgie wins again

Georgie Seaman won her second successive winter stableford competition with 35 points. Gale McAuley was second with 29 points while Lyn Pell was a single shot behind in third spot.

### Tina at the top

On Saturday February 8 Tina Mulford extended her lead at the top of the ladies' winter league by winning the penultimate Round 9 with 37 points. Jane Brackenbury was second with 33 points while Gale McAuley took third place on 32.

With the winner based on the aggregate of the best five scores throughout the competition, Tina now sits on 177 points, 11 clear of Jane and 17 ahead of Gale and takes a virtually unassailable lead into the final round to be played on Saturday February 22.

### Jane's tough challenge

It's not impossible for Jane to claw back the lead, but even if Tina scores less than 32 points and does not improve her total, our calculations show that Jane will have to score 42 points to draw level and so take first place on virtue of having the better last round. That's some ask though playing off a handicap of seven. All will be revealed next Saturday.

### Two unwelcome visitors

Most people have at some time or other had visits from unheralded guests who turn up out of the blue and you end up doing one thing when you had planned something completely different. At West Berks we have had two such incursions during the past week.

Auntie Ciara turned up over last weekend forcing the cancellation of Round 5 of the men's winter league scheduled for Sunday. Ciara means 'dark' or 'black' in Irish Gaelic and she certainly spread gloom around the country.

This area escaped the worst of the problems but there was still a good deal of course damage - see Page 2.



**Impressive new water feature on first fairway**  
Many thanks to Simon Barrie for the pic

The course was closed for much of the week causing the postponement of the mixed Valentine's Trophy scheduled for Tuesday February 11 that has been rearranged for Tuesday February 25.

Just as Ciara moved out there was very little respite as Uncle Dennis came barging in as disruptive as ever. As we know, it pays to keep the drinks cabinet locked because it's always a wet weekend when he's around.

The outcome was that the mixed Valentine's Day competition due to be played on Saturday 15 and the winter competition planned for the following day were both lost.

We will keep you posted on any rescheduled dates.

## Changes to the club diary

There have been a number of changes to the club diary recently and these are summarised below:

Competition	Due date	Revised date
M4 League V Sands Martins (A)	Mon Feb 3	Mon Mar 2
Men: Winter League R5	Sun Feb 9	Sun Feb 23
Mixed: Valentine's Trophy	Tue Feb 11	Tue Feb 25
Mixed: Valentine's Day Comp	Sat Feb 15	TBA
Men: Winter League R6	Sun Feb 23	Sun Mar 8
Men v Sonning (A)	Sat May 30	Sat Mar 14
Men v Broome Manor (H)	Sat May 23	Sun Aug 23*
Mixed v Bradfield College (A)	Thu Oct 1	Thu Oct 8

\* Yes it is a Sunday

## A message from your captain

ONE OF the methods of raising much needed funds for Sobell House Hospice devised by our men's captain, Rob Bridgman, is to charge a levy of 50p each time a player puts a ball in the water in the pond in front of the twelfth hole.

Unfortunately 'pond' is something of a misnomer at the moment as it has sprung a leak. The greenkeepers hope to sort this in the next few weeks but until then Rob asks if you could please make a donation if you enter the environs of the once pond.

Rob is too gentlemanly to point out, so TTNB will, that 50p is a minimum recommended amount.

Sobell House provides support for patients with life limiting illness and their families - come on it's a great cause!

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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](mailto:dgw.ware@gmail.com)



# The disruption caused by Ciara .... and Dennis had yet to arrive



Storm, or as we know her 'Auntie' Ciara has caused quite a bit of extra work for our green staff and these images were taken by Joe Simpson before Uncle Dennis ventured forth. Thanks for pics Joe.

## Coming up at West Berks - weather permitting!

### February

Fri 21 Men: Midweek Stableford  
 Sat 22 Ladies: Winter League R10  
 Sun 23 Men: Winter League R5  
 Mon 24 Seniors: M4 League v Donnington Grove (H)  
 Tue 25 Mixed: Valentine Trophy  
 Wed 26 Men: Midweek Stableford  
 Sat 29 Men: Stableford

### March

Sun Mar 1 Men: Monthly Medal  
 Mon Mar 2 M4 League v Sand Martins (A)  
 Wed Mar 4 M4 League v Sandford Springs (A)  
 Thu Mar 5 Men: Midweek Medal  
 Sat Mar 7 Ladies: Medal  
 Sun Mar 8 Men: Winter League R6