



# TEE TIMES NEWS BULLETIN

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## Rain is followed by golf - at last!

AFTER THE horrible weather the previous weekend we looked forward to a brighter week only to be thwarted when incessant rain overnight caused both the men's midweek stableford and the ladies' midweek medal scheduled for Tuesday March 10 to be called off.

Things improved during the week and we finally got underway with both the men's and ladies' stablefords on Saturday March 14.

### Nick takes it on Saturday

Nick Jones won the men's event with 44 points, four points clear of Phil Clare who beat Keith Hawton on count-back to take second place.

### Gale again

Having won the March medal last weekend Gale McAuley continued her fine form to win the ladies' stableford with 31 points. Tina Mulford was two shots behind in second place while Jane Brackenbury with 25 points beat Georgie Seaman on count-back to take third spot.

### Round 5 finally bites the dust

Well not dust exactly but at least the fifth round of the men's winter league was played yesterday (Sunday 15), at the fourth time of asking. Having fallen foul of the weather on February 9 and 23 and March 8 the greensome round of this long-running event was finally settled.

The winners of a high-scoring event were John Carroll and Nigel Huszarik with 45 points while Rob Griffiths and Tom Wickstead with 43 points beat Keith

Wilkins and Carl McCartney on count-back to take second place.

Just to confirm what was relayed in these pages last week, the men's winter league that was originally planned to end with Round 6 on February 23 is finally due to be decided on March 29 when the 'anything goes' multiplier is due to be played. In a normal year we would have had our first sniff of a drought by then.

### Off to a flyer

The men's team that plays a series of friendly matches on Saturdays throughout the year started the season in fine style with a 4-2 win away to Sonning GC.

Captain Kevin Wilkins has a fixture list of another 16 matches. These are: Sandford Springs (A), Studley Wood (H&A), Oxford City (A), Ogbourne Downs (H&A), North Wilts (A), Goring and Streatley (H&A), Donnington Valley (H&A), Hadden Hill (H&A), Harleyford GC (H) and Broome Manor (H&A).

It will be a tough season with only seven home matches.



In-form Nick Jones

### It's a date for the M4

The much postponed M4 away at Sand Martins is now due to be played on Friday March 27.

Having qualified for the knockout stages for the past six years and in an invincible position at the top of the Nonsuch Division we now wait to see who and when we play in the knockout stages.

Watch this space.

## As they lie after Round 5

Here are the points scored by the top nine pairs in the men's winter league after the fifth round played yesterday:

1 Tony Atkins and Mark Charlton	246
2 Nigel Day and Chris Prior	242
3 Simon Barrie and Greg Collins	232
4 Darren Morton and Jonathon Dix	231
5 John Carroll and Nigel Huszarik	229
6 Tony Athawes and Luke Prestoe	228
7 Kevin Hopwood and Chopper Harris	227
8 Mark Ramos and Degga Smith	227
9 Keith Wilkins and Carl McCarthy	227

With four teams on 225 points and a total of 20 with 220 and above it is nicely set up for the dreaded multiplier on March 29.

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# New ventures in club matches

## Change of league and format for Scratch

Next week our scratch team entertains Feldon Valley Golf Club in our first game in the Oxfordshire Foursomes Scratch League having moved from the Reading and District Inter-Club Golf League at the end of last season.

This represents a change in format in that the matches will be foursomes rather than singles. The rules of engagement are that each match will consist of three foursomes games played off scratch from the tees determined by the home club.

One point will be awarded for each game won and half a point for each game halved. One bonus point will be awarded to the team that wins the match or half a point will be awarded to each team if the match is halved.

The competition is played in two sections and we will play in Section 2 alongside Badgemore Park, Burford, Feldon Valley, Kirtlington and Witney Lakes.

Our team will be captained jointly by Nigel Day and Greg Collins.

We wish them well.

## Doubling up in the Sevens

Another change this year is that we are entering two teams in the Central Sevens, a consequence of us adding to our capability since the influx of new members from Carswell.

West Berks 1 under the captaincy of Colin Price will continue in Division 1 alongside Tadmerton Heath, Drayton Gold, Cherwell Edge, Caversham Heath and Cotswolds Club while West Berks 2 will be led by Kevin Howe in Division 6 against Witney Lakes Fairways, Kirtlington Blue, South Cerney Blue and Radley.

Under the leadership of Tim Howes we had a fine season in Division 1 last year when we finished in third place, just three points behind the eventual champions, Cotswold Club.

Tim will continue to be involved in that he is skippering the Hillman Trophy team. Last year we lost in Round 1 but had a very good run in the Plate, a competition open to all first round losing teams. We lost in the quarter-finals away to Ellesborough GC who went on to win the trophy.

Best wishes to all involved.

## Coming up at West Berks

### March

- Wed 18 Men: Midweek Stableford
- Sat 21 Mixed: Chappell Cup  
Men: Stableford  
Foursomes League v Feldon Valley (H)
- Sun 22 Men & Ladies Fun Competition
- Mon 23 Men: Midweek Stableford
- Tue 24 Mixed: Midweek Competition
- Thu 26 Seniors v Wrag Barn (H)
- Fri 27 M4 Seniors League v Sand Martins (A)
- Sat 28 Men v Sandford Springs (A)  
Men: Stableford
- Sun 29 Men: Winter League Round 6
- Mon 30 Ladies v Donnington Grove (A)

### April

- Wed 01 Men: Liddiard qualifier
- Fri 03 Men: Midweek Medal
- Sat 04 Men v Studley Wood (A)  
Foursomes League v Burford (H)  
Men: Stableford  
Ladies: Monthly Medal
- Sun 05 Men: Monthly Medal
- Tue 07 Ladies: Monthly Stableford
- Wed 08 Men: Midweek Stableford  
Men: Liddiard qualifier
- Thu 09 Seniors v Weybrook Park (H)
- Sat 11 Men: Stableford
- Sun 12 Men: Spring Competition (from March 15)
- Tue 14 Ladies: Monthly Medal  
Seniors v Ogbourne Downs (A)
- Wed 15 Seniors: Medal  
Men: Liddiard qualifier
- Sat 18 Mixed: Gamhall Trophy  
Men: Stableford
- Sun 19 Men: Clama Trophy

## A courting couple with no complaints about the weather



OUR EAGLE-EYED president, Gordon Munro, took this shot in the bunker to the right of the second green on Thursday.

At this time of the year we suspect that our feathered friends probably have other things on their minds than golf and this could be why they are studiously ignoring what could be a very small but perfectly formed egg in the foreground.

Another more plausible answer presented itself once we knew it was Chris Terrett's ball. It was probably a Warwick cross-out - no wonder they ignored it. Good choice!

Thanks for the pic Gordon.