



## No golf for a while but for how long?

ON THE afternoon of Sunday March 22 2020, TTNB Issue 123 was sent by email to all subscribing members. It carried 902 carefully chosen words describing how golf could continue at WBGC in the light of new government legislation announced the previous day.

Unfortunately, Boris popped up 24 hours later and put the kibosh on all golf for the foreseeable future. We have no idea of when this state of affairs will end and your guess is as good as anyone else's (see article below),

One thing is sure, 2020 has been a nightmare for golfers throughout the country. After weeks of rain the fine weather did in fact return, as we knew it would, but only in time for the course to be out of bounds.

With the clocks having leapt forward on Sunday last week, it should have heralded the beginning of the golfing season with

the first qualifying round of the Liddiard Cup and the April medals. But nothing!

### A golf course - a living business

Of course many businesses will suffer and the resultant effects are likely to be felt for many years across all aspects of our society. Companies and organisations of all sizes will be affected in different ways and golf courses pose a special problem for owners and operators.

A golf course is not like a gymnasium or other types of leisure venue in that you can't shut up shop and then give a quick flick round with a duster the day before it opens again.

Grass grows all the time and the course will have to be maintained throughout the enforced closure so that it is playable once the lockdown is eased.

An email was sent to all members from Bournebridge GC on March 25 clarifying

the position regarding the course closure and the proposed plan for membership fees. If anyone requires clarification or requires further details please contact Bournebridge.

### The other side

It is difficult to be optimistic at the present time but, we will be playing golf again at West Berks and we offer all members our very best wishes and hope that we all get through this unscathed.

May that day come sooner rather than later.

### And some good news

With all the gloom and apprehension around it's good to hear some good news.

One thing Covid-19 couldn't halt was the fitting of the new honours boards in the clubhouse.

By all accounts they look great!

## Name the day

IT IS good to see that the roll-up groups, although unable to meet, are keeping in touch with stories, jokes and videos of varying quality, humour and taste.

The 'Friday Boys' (so named because Friday afternoon was once the only time they could play but now, the vast majority otherwise unoccupied, play everyday except Wednesdays) have opened a sweepstake on the date golf will return at West Berks.

TTNB has taken the liberty to hijack this idea and extend it to all readers with a bottle of wine going to he or she whose prediction is nearest to the re-opening date.

*The state of play at the moment is:*

Pete Hill:	May 28
Roger Gaskell:	June 1
Andy Robbings:	June 3
Rob Bridgeman:	June 6
Nick Jones:	June 8
Tony Cleaver:	June 13
Martin Anscombe:	June 17
Bob Fagg:	June 24
Bob Patten:	July 1
George Jameson:	July 1
Phil Cannon:	July 1
Graham Mort:	July 15
Colin Harrison:	August 3
Dave Ware:	September 1

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## Taking no chances

I WAS amused when an old friend of mine called Mike commented that he was really glad that he got on so well with his wife Carol\*.

"It would be terrible to be incarcerated with someone you don't like for however long this business is going to take", he said and then qualified his remarks somewhat by adding: "Mind you there's no point in taking any chances so I have locked away all the sharp knives." Priceless!

\* Just in case you're wondering, this Mike is not a member of West Berks and as far as we know Mrs Sparvell is still chopping away merrily. **Dave Ware**

## What were you doing?

SOME TIME a few years hence, a young man is attending a job interview. The interviewer reviews his CV and asks: "So what were you doing in 2020?"

"Washing my hands," replied the young man.

## Thanks Roger

WE THANK Roger Gaskell for setting up the re-opening date sweepstake and collating the scores and for sending this gem from Geoff Pudner.

It seems Geoff has won a £250 voucher or a night out to watch an Elvis tribute show.

It's a question of: "Press one for the money, two for the show".

Forget wet and viremic 2020 and remember sunnier 2019



Summer of 2019

Clockwise from the left:

- \* Jane Brackenbury collects her champion's trophy
- \* Terry Phelps is senior champ
- \* Ticker Athawes and Nigel Day - a couple of cool dudes on the Trilby Tour
- \* Tina Mulford with the Stewards Cup
- \* 2019 men's champ Jason Kendall and Kevin Wilkins win the Badger Trophy
- \* Peter Grayson and Phil Clare win the 'Macca' Trophy



A man in the know

The pic left shows Martin Easterbrook playing for the MWF group on Wednesday March 18.

It seems Martin knew something at which the rest of us were only guessing.

Perhaps he ought to have a crack at the sweep - see Page1.

Thanks to Ron Cummings for the pic

