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No blues for Kevin as it's back to business at WBGC

WE KNOW comps are back in business when 86 stalwarts play in the monthly medal off the blue tees as they did on Sunday July 5.

Kevin Wilkins won Division 1 of the first medal qualifier of the year with gross 85, net 73. Greg Collins was second with gross 79, net 74 while Liam Bint on gross 82, net 75 won a five-way tie on count-back from Darren Boulton, Jason Kendal, Andrew Greaves and Carl McCartney to take third place.

Stuart Murphy with the best net score of the day of 71 won Division 2 with Dan Read one shot behind in second place and Gary (Murph) Abraham third with 74.

Robert Griffiths on net 72 won Division 3 by three shots from Stephen White while John (JC) Carroll was one shot back in third spot.

Renee rules the booster

The ladies' played a 'booster' stableford competition on Saturday July 4 where three holes, namely the fifth, eleventh and fifteenth carried double points.

Renee Wheeler won with 40 points while Pat Treacy followed her home on 37 and Gale McAuley was one point further behind in third place.

It's Seamus on Saturday

Meanwhile, also on July 4, Seamus Ramsey won the men's Saturday

stableford with 40 points while brothers Garry and Kevin Dixon both scored 38 points and could only be separated on count-back.

Alex takes stableford

Count-back was required again on Tuesday July 7 when Alexander Anderson with 31 points beat Graham Short in the men's midweek stableford. John Loader was a shot back in third spot.

Liddiard update

Stephen White won the nine-hole qualifier for the Liddiard Cup on **Wednesday July 1** with 24 points. Christy Whelehan was a shot back in second place while there was a remarkable eight-way tie on 21 points with Stuart King taking third place on count-back.

A total of 17 players scored the necessary minimum of 19 points to qualify for the final.

There were 11 qualifiers on **Wednesday July 8** when Chris Prior scored 23 points to take first place from Greg Collins on count-back while Aaron Rid, Steve Salter and Jake Rowell all had 21 points with that placing decided on count-back.



Paul wins senior medal

Paul Barton won the July seniors' medal on Friday July 10 with a gross 89, net 68. Dave Watkins took the runners-up spot with net 69 while Simon McNeill was two shots back in third place.

See Page 2 for: * Update on marking cards, entry sheets and KO comps
* What's coming up at WBGC and 'Spot the Robot'.

Fink is back

WE ARE delighted to report that Fink Wright, the celebrated sports psychologist and mind-coach to TTNB readers has returned after lockdown and is as willing as ever to help readers with matters golf.

In this issue he discusses the problem of putting out with the pin and a foam insert placed just where the hole ought to be.

Hi from Orlando to all TTNB readers:

It's good to be back. Spending so much time with the elite golfers in the USA and around the world as I do, it's always a pleasure to return to the grass roots of the game. It has to be said that putting with the flag and insert in place is quite different to what we are used. But, as always in this great game of ours, it's how players react to difficulties that is important. My good friend, Harvey Penick, was one of the best putting coaches of all time and coached many fine putters including Ben Crenshaw probably the best putter of his time.

Harvey in his wonderful book 'Harvey Penick's Little Red Golf Book' (I only wish my book 'Fink About It' had sold half as many copies) insists that hitting a putt too hard is just as big a problem as hitting it too soft.

Harvey says: "I hate the old saying 'never up, never in'. It's true that a ball that never reaches the hole, never goes in, but neither does the ball that goes past. I like a ball to die into the hole. The cup is only one inch wide for a putt that is hit too hard but it is four inches wide for a ball that dies into the hole. I like to see a putt slip into the hole like a mouse."

I think taking note of these wise words will certainly help with a pin and insert to deal with. Admittedly, there is an element of luck involved and in a later issue I will discuss the recent research that confirms that people who think they are lucky are and vice versa. But more in that later. until then, happy golfing.

Fink

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

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

Members' Update

This is a summary of an email sent from the GC to all subscribing members on July 9 2020

Completion of scorecards

To avoid confusion regarding completion of cards for competitions, this is the required procedure:

- Print the competition title, date and tee used in the correct spaces on the card.
- Print you name and handicap as player A.
- Agree with the playing group which other player you will record as marker, and enter that person as player D.
- Record your own gross score in column A and that of the player for whom you are marking in column D.
- Enter each 9-hole total score and the final gross scores and sign the card in the player's signature area.
- Affix a stamp to the card so that it does not obscure any critical information. The bottom right hand corner is suggested.
- For stableford competitions, the player has the option of putting in the stableford points but the entry of the gross score into the computer will calculate this anyway.
- To help the competition team, as many players as possible should enter their scores via the Howdidido app/web site (Today's Golf).

Signing in sheet

Because there are no stamp sheets, the competition team is having difficulty reconciling entries to competitions. Therefore a signing-in sheet will be posted on the notice board in the foyer for each competition that should not be used until the day of the competition and all entrants should enter their names, clearly and legibly. Please note tee booking is NOT affected and should be used in the normal way to reserve a start time.

All cards to be returned

ALL players should submit their cards even if an NR is recorded as all scores affect the CSS.

Knock out competitions extended round completion dates

Because of the disruption caused by Covid-19, the deadline for completion of the first round of the men's knockout competitions has been extended from June 27 to Sunday July 12. The deadline for the second round is now July 26.

Reminder

Could members please respect social distancing and note that tables and chairs in the clubhouse and on the patio are not to be moved.

If you would like a full copy of the email request one at: dgw.ware@gmail.com

The rest of July at WBGC

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| Tue 14 | Men: Midweek stableford (Y) Ladies: Monthly stableford |
| Wed 15 | Men: 9-hole Liddiard |
| Sat 18 | Men: Stableford Ladies: Summer Stableford |
| Sun 19 | Men: Lambourn 2 |
| Mon 20 | Men: Midweek Stableford (Y) |
| Tue 21 | Ladies: Midweek Monthly Medal |
| Wed 22 | Men: 9-hole Liddiard |
| Sat 25 | Men: Stableford |
| Sun 26 | Men and Ladies: Pro's Cup |
| Mon 27 | Men: Midweek Stableford (W) |
| Wed 29 | Men: 9-hole Liddiard |

And a selection of major comps coming up

August

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| Sat 1 | Men and Ladies: Di Evans Shield |
| Sun 9 | Men: Badger Trophy R1 |
| Tue 11 | Ladies: Eastwood Cup |
| Sat 15 | Ladies: Stevenson Trophy |
| Sun 16 | Men: Badger Trophy R2 |
| Tue 18 | Ladies: SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP |
| Wed 19 | Men: Liddiard Cup Final |
| Sat 22 | Ladies: Stewards Cup |
| Sun 23 | Men and Ladies: President's Putter |

September

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| Sat 5 | Ladies and Men: Club Championships R1 |
| Sun 6 | Ladies and Men: Club Championships R2 |
| Mon 7 | Ladies: Harris Cup Final |
| Tue 8 | Mixed: Partners Trophy |

'Spot the robot' - another TTNB comp



In this picture there are two dummies and a robot. Your task is to spot the robot. Simply write your answer on a £5 note and post to 'The Editor, TTNB'.

Many thanks to Tina Mulford for the photograph