



Rain update and results summary from WBGC

Saturday havoc

The rain that descended on West Berks later in the day on Saturday and flooded both greens and fairways may not have seemed too bad to veterans of Storms Ciara, Dennis and Jorge that dominated the weather in the UK during February and brought damage to most of the UK, let alone our golf course. It was, however, bad enough to force over a third of the entry in the men's stableford to abandon their rounds.

Of those that survived, Charlie Dixon won with 38 points while Simon Barrie with 37 points won a three-way tie on count-back from Greg Collins and Dan Hoskin to take second spot.

Just like the pros!

The team comprising Sian Soanes, John Baron, Rob Bridgeman and Tina Mulford scored 92 points to win the Pro's Cup on Sunday. Twenty-five teams of four competed in the stableford Am-Am format competition. The winners were three points clear of Liam Bint,

Lee Ruddle and Graham and Matthew Harris who took second place while Darren Boulton, Simon Barrie, Andy Robbings and Dan Read were a shot further back in third place.

Liddiard update

There was the biggest turnout of the season in the men's nine-hole Liddiard qualifier on Wednesday July 22 when 22 out of 38 players scored the necessary 19 points or more to qualify to compete in the 18-hole final of the Liddiard Cup.

Chris Prior won on the day with 24 points, a point clear of Stuart King who beat Trevor Rogers into second place on count-back. There are, to date, 48 qualifiers for the final on August 19.

In the Herbie Sternberg Trophy, awarded to the player with highest aggregate of maximum of five scores, Chris Prior leads with 106, Chris Terrett lies in second place with exactly 100 and they are followed by Stephen White on 96 and Robert Camden on 93. We still await Greg Collins fifth round!



Pro's Cup winners

Clockwise from top left: Sian, Rob and Tina,

Missing is John Baron, But, with John's current form, he is bound to be making the news again soon. We hope to have a pic next time.

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PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

Don't chuck it - bin it!

THERE APPEARS to be an increased tendency for litter of all kinds to be discarded on the course.

Beer cans and bottles are stand-out items but also coffee cups and wrappers of all kinds are casually thrown into the rough and sometimes even on the fairway.

One of the reasons may be that under the present circumstances fellow players are reluctant to clear up after others but the best solution is not to dump it in the first place.

Please place litter in the bins. If none are convenient put it in your golf bag until you reach the bins by the clubhouse or take it home.

Play your part in keeping the course tidy and healthy.

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RAIN also affected the men's midweek stableford played on Monday July 27 curtailing the entry to just three competitors.

Sam Belcher won with 41 points, a score that would have earned victory in much bigger fields. Jamie Pithie was second on 26 and Chris Brind third with 19.

Letter to the editor

Dear Sir

I have to say that I agree that we should hold back on the resumption of midweek mixed competitions. I can't see the point. This touching of elbows business is all very well but I will know that the world is back to normal when Boris gives us the all-clear for the reintroduction of some good old-fashioned, heavy petting that was customary after mixed matches. I can't wait.

Agatha Snogmore-Smyth

Touchy Willows, East Garston

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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

150 Not Out

Dave Ware looks at the past and future of TTNB

THIS ISSUE of TTNB is of some significance, to me anyway, in that it is the 150th issue of TTNB and it's predecessor, the four-page version known as Tee Times, that I have edited.

Barrie Seaman founded and edited the original Tee Times in Spring 2004 and produced it on a quarterly basis until 2011.

I distinctly remember playing golf with Barrie in what must have been late summer of 2011. We were playing the second hole and as we were making the short walk to where our drives had finished I remarked casually that if he ever wanted someone to help or take over the task I could possibly be his man. By the time we had putted out I was officially appointed as the new editor and we were planning my first issue.

That appeared in October 2011 and I took great pleasure in announcing that Mark Kendal was our men's champion for the fourth time, Linda Alexander was lady champion for the third time while Derek Bell and Mary Harwood took the men's and ladies' senior titles. It was, however, a sad task to say farewell to both John Gregory and Ian Bell who had died the previous month.

After 17 versions of the four-pager I attended a meeting of the general committee in April 2017 and presented an idea that we should switch to a shorter, more regular and therefore

more topical publication in the form of a single page newsletter.

The rest, as they, say, is history. I produced TTNB 001 on April 17 2017 and now, a few hundred spelling mistakes, grammatical errors and solecisms later, TTNB 133 makes it 150 not out.

Looking forward

Over the past few months I have become increasingly aware of a concern about the future of the publication. I am quite happy to continue as we are for the near future but I think now is the time to look ahead to see what is required if it is decided that TTNB is worth retaining once I am unable, for whatever reason, to continue.

Ideally, it requires a volunteer or three to manage certain aspects of the task that will have the effect of improving the publication in the short term and help ensure its continuation in the future.

The task can be divided into three distinct elements: gathering information, maintaining a photographic library and writing and production.

News gathering

Gathering information involves (i) collecting and collating all team and individual results, (ii) promoting all upcoming fixtures and events, (iii) seeking out and writing up news

items and other subjects of interest for our readers such as pieces on rules and etiquette.

Photographic library

Another important task is to compile and maintain a photographic library of all members and occasions with good quality images to support the text.

Production

This requires the ability to write all the above in a clear and concise way – that's the plan anyway - and edit it to fit a two page newsletter. It also requires a basic knowledge and capability of desk top publishing in order to design and layout the final version,

To the future

I am happy to continue the production side for the time being but it would be good to know of someone who has, or is prepared to learn, the basic skills required so that we could plan for the future.

It would be a massive help, and I am sure it would make an immediate improvement to the publication, if there were one or two people who would undertake any part of the news gathering activity.

If anyone is interested in helping please contact me at dgw.ware@gmail.com

Happy golfing

Dave Ware

August at WBGC

Sat 1	Men: Stableford Men and Ladies: Di Evans Millennium Shield
Sun 2	Men: August Medal
Tue 4	Ladies: Midweek Monthly Stableford
Wed 5	Men: 9-hole Liddiard
Fri 7	Men: Midweek Medal (W)
Sat 8	Men: Stableford Ladies: Stableford (Q)
Sun 9	Men: Badger Trophy R1
Mon 10	Men: Midweek Stableford (Y)
Tue 11	Men: Seniors' Medal (Y) Ladies: Eastwood Cup
Wed 12	Men: 9-hole Liddiard
Sat 15:	Men: Stableford Ladies: Stevenson Trophy
Sun 16:	Men: Badger Trophy R2
Tue 18	Men: Midweek Stableford (Y) Ladies: Seniors' Championship
Wed 19	Men: Liddiard Cup Final
Sat 22:	Men: Stableford Ladies: Stewards Cup
Sun 23:	Men and Ladies: President's Putter
Wed 26	Men: Midweek Stableford (W)
Sat 29:	Men: Stableford
Sun 30:	Men and Ladies: Fun Comp.

Fink Wright answers your letters

Dear Fink

I don't want to sound paranoid but I think the golfing world and the weather gods are out to get me.

I have been making a determined effort to get my handicap down from the low twenties, where it has languished for too long. With this in mind, I played a warm up round on June 26 when we were told all matches were still non-qualifiers but I was put up 0.1.

Then, this Saturday going great guns and a couple of shots better than twos off the whites in the stableford, the heavens opened and the whole course was flooded and unplayable.

I had to be dragged back to the clubhouse close to tears by my playing partners only to find a day or so later I go up another 0.1. What can I do about this shabby treatment?

Disappointed of Denchworth

Dear Disappointed

A sad story indeed. I have two points to make. Firstly, with more practice putts and fewer pints you would not be in this situation. Secondly, and, most importantly, do try to hang on to the thought that just because you're paranoid doesn't mean they are not out to get you. Pull yourself together man.

Best regards, Fink