



Badger and Eastwood are resolved plus the rest of the results

SOME FINE scores in Round 2 on Sunday saw a very close finish to this year's Badger Trophy. Dan Taylor and Luke Prestoe shot a net 61 to win Round 2, a score that gave them a two-round total of 125 and allowed them to move from fourth place to take the title by a single shot.

Jason Kendal and Gary Robinson took second place in Round 2 with net 63 to finish fourth overall while Nigel Day and Chris Prior were third with 64 to yield a total of 126 that beat first round leaders Tony Coventry and Shaun Ponsford, who shot 66 in Round 2, on count-back to take second place.

Final positions were:

Dan Taylor/Luke Prestoe:	125
Nigel Day/Chris Prior:	126
Tony Coventry/Shawn Ponsford:	126
Jason Kendal/Gary Robinson:	130
Jack Findlater/ Nick Bishop	131

Gale takes Eastwood

Gale McAuley scored 37 points to win the Eastwood Cup on Tuesday August 11. Carol Sparvell was two points behind beating Georgie Seaman on count-back to take second spot.

This cup was presented by Nicolette Eastwood and, as tradition demands, the cup is usually laden with cherries but because of the restrictions in force at the moment Gale, Carol and Georgie were all presented with a punnet of cherries each.

Carole wins in midweek

Carole Tancock won the ladies' monthly midweek stableford on August 4 with 39 points. Renee Wheeler was a point behind in second place while Babs Collyer was a further point back third.

Dan's medal

Dan Bowsher won the men's midweek medal on Friday August 7 with a gross 82, net 67. Dan won on count-back from Paul Reber who shot gross 78 for his net 67 while Chris Prior with gross 84, net 68 was third.

In-form Kevin

Kevin Wilkins, continuing his impressive run of form since lockdown was lifted, won the men's Saturday stableford on

August 8 with 40 points. Kevin won on count-back from Ian Miles while Chris Prior was third with 37.

Tina again!

Also on fire in the heat was Tina Mulford who won the ladies' stableford on the same day with 38 points.

Jane Brackenbury was second with 33 points while Gale McAuley took third spot with 31.

Awesome Anscombe

Martin Anscombe won the men's midweek stableford on Monday August 10 with a remarkable 45 points.

Nick Jones, who may have thought he had done enough to take first place with 44, was second and Ricky Skrzydlo with 42 points beat Steve Daly on count-back to take third spot.

Pete climbs to top

Pete Hill won the seniors medal played on Tuesday August 11 with gross 90, net 69. Andy Robbings with gross 78, net 70 claimed second place and he was followed home by Colin Harrison who shot gross 89, net 72.

It's simple for Greg

Another in-form player, Greg Collins, won the men's Saturday stableford on August 15 with 40 points.

Unsure of the correct collective noun let's just say that three Simons followed him home. Simon Matton was second on 36 and Simon Barrie with 35 beat Simon Brown on count-back to take third spot. It really is a simple game!

Jane ahead on pars

Jane Brackenbury won the Stevenson Trophy, a net par competition, on Saturday last with a score of 14.

Jane was two ahead of Tina Mulford who beat Georgie Seaman on count-back to take second place.



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Winning away

A DOUBLE good news story. Firstly, the Seniors Pairs Open at Chipping Sodbury bucked the trend and went ahead on Wednesday August 5 when 98 pairs contested the four-ball, better-ball stableford competition. Secondly, and most importantly, the West Berk's pairing of Alexander Anderson and John Loader won the competition when, playing off 90% handicap, they scored a highly creditable 46 points.

John told TTNB that the pair had entered 18 opens this year and this is the first one that has gone ahead with all the others having been cancelled for the obvious reason. It's all a question of making hay John. Well done indeed.

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Coming soon: WHS an update

RECENTLY a new poster appeared on the club notice boards that draws our attention to the part that Course Rating will play in the World Handicap System (WHS) that will be implemented in November.

Because planned golfing 'clinics' have been postponed indefinitely due to Covid-19, the EGU is encouraging all members to self-educate by visiting: englandgolf.org/whs

Learning about WHS will help eradicate a number of misconceptions that can be heard being passed around the clubhouse over the past weeks.

Misconception 1: "Under the new system all casual play cards can be used as supplementary cards."

Not true! Casual play cards, as previously, will be allowed as supplementary cards providing the player has informed the Pro-Shop prior to playing. So no change there then.

It is worth pointing out at this stage that the more cards a player enters the more accurate and fair their handicap index will be.

Misconception 2: "Under WHS every round played under any circumstances has to be recorded and will count towards handicap assessment."

Not true! Only cards that are played: (a) in accordance with The Rules of Golf, (b) in an authorised format of play, (c) with at least one other person, and (e) on a course with a current Course and Slope Rating will count towards a player's handicap index under WHS.

It is also worth noting that for a round to be acceptable for handicap purposes, all nine holes of a nine-hole competition must be completed whereas for an 18-hole score to be acceptable a minimum of 10 holes must be played. A hole is considered to have been played if it has been started.

Please also note that to be acceptable, a nine-hole score must be played over nine-holes with a current Course and Slope Rating.

Course Rating

What is it?

- A measurement of the playing difficulty of a golf course

How is it calculated?

The rating is assessed by:

- The playing length of the course
- The obstacles that a player will encounter (e.g. size of green and hazards)

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Special WHS section on club website

A new WHS area has been created in the members section of the club website where detailed explanation of WHS will be added regularly.

To stay abreast with WHS go to:

- * www.thewbgc.co.uk/world-handicapping-system
- * www.englandgolf.org/whs

Please keep up or let through

THIS IS a reminder to members that when their group falls behind the group in front and, at the same time, they are holding up the group behind, they should call that group through.

There have been a couple of recent reports of groups that have been searching for balls and totally ignoring the proximity of the group behind. Golfing etiquette requires that the group should call the following players through.

Rest of August at WBGC

Wed 19	Men: Liddiard Cup Final
Sat 22	Men: Stableford
	Ladies: Stewards Cup
Sun 23	Men and Ladies: President's Putter
Tue 25	Ladies: Fun Comp
Wed 26	Men: Midweek Stableford (W)
Sat 29	Men: Stableford
Sun 30	Men and Ladies: Fun Comp

Club Championships

Saturday and Sunday September 5 and 6 2020

Men's Championship

Ladies' Championship

Wise Trophy (men 0-18 handicap)

Bennett Cup (men over 19 handicap)

The signing-in sheet for our club championship weekend will be posted in the clubhouse on Wednesday of this week.

These will allow players to sign in and choose a time zone for Saturday. The draw will place you in reverse handicap order in the time zone you choose.

As tradition dictates, the draw for Sunday will be in reverse order of the Saturday result.

Be sure to enter and join in this, the most prestigious weekend of the year at West Berks.