

Results update from West Berks

Last word on club champs

We reported the results of the men's and ladies' championship and the Wise Trophy in last week's issue but at the time we did not have the ratified result of the Bennett Cup, the gross competition for men with handicaps over 19.

The winner was Lloyd Ponsford who, with rounds of 72 on both Saturday and Sunday, won by four shots from Liam McCullough who shot 74 on both days. Muz Mzouri took third spot with rounds of 81 and 78.

The reason for the delay in announcing the result was that there was a dispute about a ruling during Lloyd's round on Saturday.

The issue concerned Lloyd's decision to play a provisional ball having already started searching for the original. As the situation was not certain the comp secretaries adopted the correct procedure and sought advice from the BB&O. The rules officials at BB&O advised that Rule 18.3 applies, that there was no infringement and Lloyd was declared a worthy as well as a clear winner.

Sean wins in midweek

Sean Sheils won the men's midweek stableford on Monday September 7 with 38 points winning on count-back from Kim Potter who took second spot while Charles Overton with 36 points beat Brian Davis on count-back to take third place.



A hat-trick for Georgie

Georgie on the H trail

Also on Monday, Georgie Seaman won the final of the Harris Cup, a nine-hole stableford competition played throughout the summer with competitors requiring 17 points to qualify for the final.

Georgie scored 19 points to win by a single point from Renee Wheeler who beat Tina Mulford on count-back to take second place.

Georgie also won the Hannah Cup, a competition held throughout the summer over the back nine with the winner being the player with the highest average score over eight rounds. Georgie won with 19.6, Lyn Pell was second with 17.5 and Jane Wilmore third on 15.4.

The happy couple

Pictured right, Gale and Tom McAuley won the Husbands, Wives and Partners Trophy with 35 points on Tuesday with 35 points. Serial winners, this was their sixth win in eight years but it was a close run thing as they required count-back to see off the challenge of Carol and Mike Sparvell. Count-back was also required to resolve third and fourth places with Jane and Patrick Wilmore edging out Renee Wheeler and Chris Capel to take third place.

Kim takes the pot

Having been beaten on count-back in Monday's stableford, Kim Potter went one better to win the senior's medal on Friday September 11. Once again it took count-back to resolve a tie with Kim scoring gross 92, net 67 from Ray Hinde gross 94, net 67 while Robert Griffiths took third place with gross 87, net 68.

Seamus on Saturday

Seamus Ramsey scored 40 points to win the men's Saturday stableford. Barry Marshall followed him home on 38 while a three-way tie between Greg Collins, Luke Johnson and Jim



Harris on 37 points was settled in that order on count-back.

Hat-trick for Georgie

Georgie Seaman followed up her double on Monday with success in the ladies' September medal on Saturday winning with a gross 102, net 74. Renee Wheeler also shot net 74 but was placed second on count-back while Tina Mulford and Gale McAuley tied on net 76 with Tina placed third on count-back.

It's a knockout

Tina Mulford has won the 2020 Armstrong Salver and Graham Miles the men's senior match play competition.

First and second in the ladies' club championship the previous week contested the final of the Armstrong Salver on Sunday when the result was reversed with Tina beating the ladies' club champion, Jane Brackenbury, to take the title.

Meanwhile, Graham (Chesty) Miles beat Phil Cannon to take the senior KO title.

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Member updates

HERE IS a reminder of three important Member Updates that have been issued recently.

Face covering in pro-shop

Face coverings are now required when entering the pro-shop. If you do not have a face covering access will be denied.

Local Rule – bunkers with no rakes

We are all aware that rakes have been removed from bunkers and of the difficulty of smoothing sand with feet and clubs.

Under a new local rule: when a player's ball lies in any bunker, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball within six inches from where the ball came to rest. It must be within the bunker and no nearer the hole. The ball should not be cleaned and the area of sand cannot be smoothed before placing.

Please note: if your ball is in the face of a bunker it has to be placed as near as possible to where it came to rest and not allowed to roll down to the bottom of the bunker under its own weight.

Online Booking System

In response to members' requests, the GC has been working on an online booking system that will be available in the near future. More details and instructions on how to use the system will be issued shortly. In the meantime:

- Please ensure that The West Berks Golf Club has your correct details and email address
- You will need to have a unique email address - not shared
- Please set up a How Did I Do account if you haven't got one already

More details will appear shortly and for now please continue to book via the pro-shop.

Stay abreast with WHS

NOVEMBER 2 and the new World Handicap System is just seven weeks away.

For all you need to know about the new handicapping system and how it will affect you go to either the England Golf Website at: www.englandgolf.org/whs and/or the special WHS area in the members' section of our own website at: www.thewbgc.co.uk/world-handicapping-system.

Don't let terms such as handicap index, course handicap, course rating and slope rating be a mystery and a surprise to you. Check it out - it's later than you think.

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Kevin and Garry win Clama

Kevin Holland and Garry Dixon won yesterday's Clama Trophy with 43 points. A single shot behind there was a three-way tie between Shaun Ponsford and Tim Palmer, Dan Read and Gordon Munro and Tom McAuley and Stephen White resolved in that order on count-back.

Captain's Charity Day

Sunday September 27

Rob Bridgeman's plans for Captain's Charity Day on September 27 continue apace.

There is still time to support this event with a donation of cash or a raffle prize.

As part of the fundraising efforts Rob is auctioning a **Play Station 4 Games Console and 4 games**. This has been donated by a West Berks Club Member and is subject to a minimum bid of £100. Please email Rob with your name and bid on : bassman17@me.com

Sobell House Hospice.

The beneficiary this year is this wonderful charity that supports patients with life limiting illness, providing end of life care and support for their families.

Play and support or simply support. Your contribution would be much appreciated.

What's on at West Berks

September

Tue 15 Ladies: Midweek Medal
 Thu 17 Men: Midweek Stableford (W)
 Sat 19 Men: Stableford
 Ladies: Gillas Cup Rd 1
 Sun 20 Crawford Cup
 Fri 25 Men: Midweek Stableford (W)
 Sat 26 Men: Stableford
 Sun 27 Captain's Charity Day
 Wed 30 Men: Midweek Medal (W)

October

Sat 3 Men: Stableford
 Ladies: Monthly Medal
 Sun 4 Men: Monthly Medal
 Seniors' Championship
 Mon 5 Seniors: Medal
 Tue 6 Ladies: Monthly Stableford
 Fri 9 Men: Midweek Stableford
 Sat 10 Men: Stableford
 Ladies: Gillas Cup Rd 2
 Sun 11 Men & Ladies: Corbridge Air Amb Cup
 Tue 13 Men: Midweek Stableford
 Seniors v Ladies: Chris Green Trophy
 Sat 17 Men: Stableford
 Ladies: Gillas Cup Final
 Sun 18 Men: Gillas Cup R1
 Tue 20 Ladies: Midweek Medal
 Wed 21 Men: Midweek Stableford
 Fri 23 O'Connell Cup
 Seniors AGM
 Sat 24 Men: Stableford
 Sun 25 Men: Gillas Cup R2
 Mon 26 Men: Midweek Stableford
 Tue 27 Mixed: Midweek competition
 Sat 31 Men: Stableford
 Ladies: Winter League