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Golf is back but where is spring?

GOLF STARTED back at West Berks on Monday March 29 and we enjoyed a false dawn in as much as we resumed in lovely, spring-like weather for a couple of days. Then winter, having been ignored by us golfers for the past three months, took its revenge with freezing temperatures and howling winds.

This culminated in a snowy Tuesday afternoon just eight days after our benign resumption and the course was closed due to snow on the morning of Monday April 12. Surely spring cannot be far away.

Apart from that everything appears to be going pretty well. The new BRS system seems to be working fine, as does the arrangement of booking at 7:15 in the evening, eight days before the booking date. Plus, of course, being able to play in four balls and the extending hours of daylight has certainly taken the pressure off tee bookings.

All we need now is the warm weather and that is surely just around the corner!



Left: Paul in reflective mood welcomes members back to WBGC.

Bottom left: Dave Gentleman peers through the snow searching for his drive on hole-16 on Tuesday April 6 while an enthralled Ray Pithers looks on. **Bottom right:** the 16th green is slowing and snowing up.

Our thanks go to Barrie Seaman for the pic of Paul and TTNB staff photographer, Ivor Shotinmee, for the snowy pics.



Competitions back at WBGC

CONGRATULATIONS to the comps teams for rearranging the fixture list - yet again. This was covered in a Member Update issued on April 7 and is summarised here.

The good news is that by the time you read this, competitions will have started again with the nine-hole Liddiard played on Wednesday April 14. This is followed by a "Fun" competition over the weekend of April 17 and 18 for both lady and men members. The Clama Trophy due to be played on the Sunday April 18 will be rearranged for a Sunday later in the year.

From Monday April 19 onward all competitions will be as detailed in the club diary. This is not necessarily the case with inter-club competitions that will vary on specific circumstances and the agreement of other clubs. Please keep an eye out for notices from the relevant captains.

The early senior matches are going ahead on a 'play-only' basis and we will endeavour to keep you informed on progress on these and all other competitions in future issues of TTNB.

A full list of competitions in April can be found on Page 2.

Please note: All future competitions will use online payment only – please see article on Page 2

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- Introducing Carmel
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Carmel - our first welfare officer

THE GENERAL committee has appointed Carmel Thornton as WBGC welfare officer. Carmel is not a member of the club but is the wife of member, Peter Thornton. The EGU has confirmed that a non-member can hold the position.

Carmel, who has previous experience in this field, will now work with Sandy Miller on the process required for Carmel to be approved by the EGU. As stated when it was advertised, the position is voluntary and as such is not remunerated. I am sure everyone at WBGC will join in thanking Carmel for volunteering and wish her well in the role.



Comps in April at WBGC

Wed 14:	Liddiard
Fri 16:	Seniors v Weybrook Park (H)
Sat 17:	Mixed: Fun Competition
Sun 18:	Mixed: Fun Competition
Tue 20:	Mixed: Monthly Midweek Competition
Wed 21:	Liddiard
Thu 22:	Men: Midweek Stableford (Y) Seniors v Upavon (H)
Sat 24:	Men: Stableford Ladies: Turner Davies Trophy
Sun 25:	Men & Ladies: Jersey Cup
Tue 27:	Men: Midweek Medal (W) Ladies: Fun Competition
Wed 28:	Liddiard
Thu 29:	Seniors: v Drayton Park (A)

Watch that trolley

An article in TTNB 145, issued on December 8 2020, asked members to keep trollies and buggies clear of the greens and the fringes and to circumnavigate greenside bunkers to prevent damage to these areas. This recent picture shows that not all members are complying with this request.

Please help to look after our course!



Online payment of comps

A MEMBER UPDATE issued on January 22 2021 detailed a new system that integrates the payment of competition entry fees with the system used for booking and recording the results of competitions. This system will eliminate the use of stamps.

Each member who wishes to play in competitions will have a competition account with the club into which they will transfer funds. This money will be used to pay entry fees and other optional costs such as 'two-club' entries.

The system will automatically deduct the fee from the competition account when the member signs into the competition and the system will not allow entry unless the member has enough funds in the account.

Setting up an account could not be easier and takes but a few minutes.

1. Go to the Club V1 members hub app, (the app we previously used for tee bookings).

2. Scroll down the page and click on 'Your Account'; click 'top up' and select the amount you wish to put into the account; click 'pay using card' and fill in your card details.

Please note that the club is charged for all transactions so it saves money if you keep the number of transactions to a minimum. One transfer of £20 is half the cost to the club of two transfers of £10.

Members who do not have Internet access can provide the club treasurer, Nick Jones, with a cheque or cash in an envelope and he will transfer that sum into your competition account. Unused stamps can be returned to Nick and your account will be credited accordingly.

For full details please refer to the Member Update dated January 22 2021.