



Comps are back at WBGC

COMPETITIONS are now back in full swing following the lockdown and from Monday April 19 will be as listed in the club diary. The exceptions are the inter-club matches that will be decided on an individual basis.

More on this as we step warily through the cautious, yet hopefully, steady progress to normality.

Liddiard gets us under way

Our first post-lockdown winner was Stephen Fisher who won the Liddiard qualifier played on Wednesday April 14 with 23 points. Greg Collins, with a Course Handicap of one, knocked it round in two-under par to record 21 points. Stephen White with 20 points beat Aaron Rid on count-back to take third spot.

Martyn Drewitt led the way the following Wednesday with 23 points. Mustapha (Muz) Mzouri was a shot back in second spot and a four-way tie on 20 points was settled in the order of Stephen White, James Cameron, Chris Ward and Andrew Kerr on count-back.

On April 28 the inclement weather kept the entry down to just nine competitors when Chris Prior with 20 points beat Aaron Rid on count-back. Chris Terrett was third with 18.

Chris is the 'Fun' winner

Over the weekend of April 17 and 18 a mixed fun event was enjoyed by a good turnout to match the weather.

Matthew Harris won the Saturday competition with 39 points with Garry Dixon a shot behind in second place and Gerry O'Sullivan third with 35.

The scoring was higher on the Sunday when Chris Terrett took first spot on 42 points. Stuart Harrison was second on 40 and Jane Brackenbury with 39 beat Pete Dye and Matthew Harris on count-back.

The overall winner was decided by the best score of the two rounds and in the event Sunday's winners Chris, Stuart and Jane took the honours.

Midweek mixed underway

The midweek mixed competition held on Tuesday April 20 was also held in excellent weather and enjoyed by all.

The team comprising Carol Sparvell, Barry Francis, Dennis White and Chris Capel took first place with 91 points. Jane Wilmore, Georgie Seaman, Tony Pell and Mike Denny were second with 88 while Simone Diamond, Babs Collyer, Dave Bridgeman and Patrick Wilmore were a single shot back in third spot.

Loads of points!

John Loader won the men's midweek stableford on Thursday April 22 with a splendid 46 points. Dan Hoskin took second spot with 41 while Sean Sheils who was a point further back took third place by beating Richard Campbell on count-back.

Chop for the chop?

John (Chopper) Harris won the men's Saturday stableford on April 24 with 37 points. Simon Clifford was a point behind beating Mitchell Willmoth on count-back.

Sian takes Turner Davies

Also on Saturday April 24, Sian Soanes made her mark early in our delayed season by scoring 35 points to win the Turner Davies Trophy, the first board title to be decided this year. Gale McAuley and Jane Brackenbury were tied just one shot behind Sian with Gale taking second place on count-back.

It's that man again

Stephen Fisher continued his fine run of form to score 39 points and beat Andy Robbings on count-back to take the Jersey Cup on Sunday April 25. Lee Nicholson was third with 37.

It's a team game

The men's senior team has made a welcome if mixed start to the 2021 season.

Playing in a 'golf only' format is a marked change to the traditional high level of social engagement that goes with the seniors' matches but at least the season is underway and more convivial days are promised.

A comprehensive 6-0 defeat of Weybrook Park at home on Friday April 16 was followed by a highly competitive 3-3 half at West Berks in the first ever fixture



Sian - our first board winner of 2021

against Upavon on Thursday April 22. This, in turn, was followed by 4½ to 1½ defeat away to Drayton Park yesterday, Thursday April 29.

Jane takes midweek stableford

Jane Wilmore scored 35 points to take the ladies' midweek stableford competition on Tuesday April 27. Lyn Pell was second with 30 points and Helen Ball two shots further back in third.

Barrie sets the pace

Barrie Green won the men's midweek medal on Tuesday April 27 with gross 82, net 72. He was followed home by Mark Watkins, 93, 77 in second spot. James Cameron was third with 80, 78.

An important reminder

Please remember the following applies to all competitions:

Before you play:

Sign in before you play either on-line or in PSI in foyer. No sign in - no entry.

After you play:

Complete your card with name, competition, date, handicap index, your gross scores at each hole and the name of your marker and their scores in col. D.

Enter your scores into HowDidIDo either on-line or on the PSI in the foyer.

Sign your card and place it in the box outside the Pro-shop.

Rocky Rowe

March 15 1949 – April 15 2021

AS WAS reported in a recent Member Update, it is with much regret that we have to report that Rocky Rowe collapsed and died of a heart attack while playing golf at Moors Valley Golf Club near Ringwood on Thursday April 15 2021.

Rocky was a long-standing member of the club and was men's captain in 2013 and chairman from 2013 to 2017.



All those at West Berks who knew him as a member, captain and chairman will remember a larger than life character who was full of energy and pursued many interests. In addition to his passion for golf, he was an accomplished photographer, contributing to these pages on many occasions. He also held a private pilot's licence, flying out of Eynstone while living in Wantage. He worked in the agrochemical industry establishing Rocky Rowe Consulting in 2006 and he travelled widely with his work in this industry until just 15 months ago.

When Rocky moved to Highcliffe in Dorset three years ago with his partner, Patricia Dady, he continued his passion for golf but swapped light aircraft for a motorboat to cruise around the Solent. Pat reports that he retained his energy and enthusiasm until the very end.

Our sincere condolences go to Pat, his sons Anthony and Charlie and their families.

Dave Ware

Coming in May at WBGC

- Sat 01 Men: Stableford
Ladies: May Day Fun Competition
- Sun 02 Men: Monthly Medal
- Tue 04 Ladies: Monthly Midweek Stableford
- Wed 05 Liddiard
- Sat 08 Men: Stableford
Ladies Monthly Medal
- Sun 09 Men: Lambourn Trophy R1
- Mon 10 Seniors: Medal
- Tue 11 Ladies: Monthly Midweek Medal
- Wed 12 Liddiard
Seniors: v Wokefield Estate (A)
- Sat 15 Men: Stableford
Ladies: Coronation Foursomes
- Sun 16 Men: Lambourn Trophy R2

Ann-Marie Gane

WE ARE sad to report that Ann-Marie Gane, a former member of West Berks GC, passed away on April 22 following a lengthy battle against cancer.

She was a highly respected and popular member of West Berks for several years, until moving to Donnington Grove due to a change in employment.

Ann-Marie will be greatly missed by all her friends and will leave a void in many people's lives.

Tina Mulford

Winter rules not OK

FROM May 1 preferred lies or winter rules will not apply to formal competitive golf and any cards entered for a supplementary score.

However, because of the unusually cold spring, the grass growth and coverage is not as good as usual and therefore roll-ups, small groups and individuals are urged to use preferred lies in all golf that is not part of a competition in order to protect the course.

Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

You'll never guess!

SOME golfers just don't like playing in the rain. I bet you have a list – I do.

There are numerous excuses that are churned out one wet day after another. "It's my wife's/mother-in-law's/girlfriend's/cousin's birthday." *Please note: lady golfers are excused from this as they far too tough to have to resort to such excuses.*

There are also niggling, conveniently recurring injuries to call upon and that late request to drive a long lost friend to or from Heathrow. We have heard them all.

I was the victim of such an excuse on Wednesday last that is right up there in terms of guile and creativity. My playing partner turned up in remarkably good cheer, considering the forecast, wearing a smile to match his smart waterproofs.

Surprised that he was there at all, let alone with such a positive attitude, we exchanged greetings and then returned to our cars to make ready for the first tee. Almost immediately he returned: "You'll never guess," he said, "I've left my clubs in the garage." Priceless!

For more details please write to Bob Patten c/o TTNB.

Dave Ware

Offers from the Pro-shop

In stock at great prices are:

Motocaddy Z1 push trolley at offer price of £89 (one left)

Callaway Xseries cart bag in blue - now £79 from £119

Rogue drivers now £229 reduced from £379

Mavrik drivers now £299 reduced from £469 (two left)

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