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Competition update at WBGC

Dan takes stableford

Dan Read won the men's Saturday stableford on Saturday May 1 with 38 points. Simon Brown was second on 37 while Andy Grayson was a further shot back in third place.

May Day waltz for the ladies

On the same day, the team comprising Jane Brackenbury, Pat Treacy and Tina Mulford won the ladies' 'waltz' (1:2:3 - 1:2:3) competition with 73 points just one point ahead of Renee Wheeler, Babs Collyer and Sandy Miller. Gale McAuley, Sian Soanes and Emma Hackett took third spot.

Lee pips Chris in medal

Because of handicap changes and system issues (see GC note below) the men's May medal on May 2 was closed as one division. In the event, Lee Stocker and Chris Ramsey both shot net 71 but Lee with a gross 86, beat Chris, gross 84, on count-back to take the first prize. Jason Kendal with a one-over score of 74, net 73 took third spot.

Renee wins monthly stableford

Renee Wheeler won the ladies' monthly midweek stableford on Tuesday May 4 with 29 points. Rukshi Watson and Georgie Seaman were two shots back in a tie with Rukshi taking second prize on count-back.

Peter wins as four qualify

Peter Hobbs won the Wednesday nine-hole Liddiard qualifier on May 5 with 21 points while Ian Lewin returned 20 points to beat Sean Webb on count-back to take second spot. Liam McCullough with 19 points also qualified for the final to be played on July 21.

It's Jason's turn

The early poor weather and the even worse forecast kept the entry to the men's Saturday stableford on May 8 down to three. We started the week with a Read and so shall we end. Not to be outdone by Dan's effort the previous week Jason shot a very tidy score of 35 points in the prevailing condition while Simon Barrie took second spot with 26 points and Kevin Holland was a shot further back third.

Team update

The men's Saturday team got its 2021 fixtures underway on Saturday May 1 with a 3½ to 2½ win away to Ogbourne Downs. Meanwhile, there is a change in the set up of our participation in the **Central Sevens Golf League** for this season as we have entered a second team that will be known as West Berks 2. This means that we will be represented in Divisions 1 and 5.

Colin Price will captain our team in Division 1 against Cherwell Edge, Tadmarton Heath, Cotswolds, Rye Hill and Drayton Gold while Kevin Bishop



Medal winner Lee Stocker

skippers West Berks 2 against Radley, Witney Lakes Fairways and Kirtlington Blue.

Both teams got their seasons underway on Saturday May 1 with West Berks 1 securing a point with a halved match at home against Tadmarton Heath while West Berks 2 gained two points thanks to an away half at Radley. We wish both sides well in the coming season.

An update from the GC

Medal divisions

Following a review of recent competitions under the new handicap system and the playing handicap change to 95%, the number of players in each division has changed significantly creating an imbalance in the number of players in each division. This means from the June Medal onwards we will move to two divisions of 14 and below and 15 and over.

Knockout comps

The Dowling, Classic and Walsh knockout tournaments have been set up. If you wish to enter they are available in HowDidIDo via the 'Knockouts' button in the menu. The entry for these competitions closes on Sunday May 23.

Fun comps

As requested by members we have included the handicap allowance in the competition details. We will also be changing the format of the Fun Competitions later this month from singles to an AMAM and Pairs respectively. Book a tee time as normal via BRS. Teams can be setup in HowDidIDo via the 'Booking' button.

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New nets - An Alien's view - Airshot on the tee - Tina's take on trolleys - Coming up at WBGC.

Men's Pairs Open

Saturday June 5 2021

There are still some tee times available for this popular event. Please see recent Member Update for entry form

Offers from the Pro-shop

In stock at great prices are:

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

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)

Act quickly and don't be disappointed.



Normally if you ask a retired dentist and a retired bank manager to do a job, one will smile engagingly and ask you to lie back and relax while the other will point out that the computer says no. This was not the case when our men's captain, Rob Bridgeman, and treasurer, Nick Jones, joined forces to put up new practice nets. All went well and as the pics show they are now ready for you to try out if you haven't already done so. Many thanks to you both.

Trolley Dollies

It's just plain folly
To drive your trolley
Round the sides of the golf course greens
And Yes! You have been seen!
So, when you're out there having a moan
Cos your ball is where the grass hasn't grown
Remember that it could have been you
Who parked your trolley in full view
Of those who carefully drive around
And don't leave wheel marks in the ground
A bit of common sense you need
So come on golfers please take heed!

Tina Mulford

An Alien's view of WHS

AN ALIEN with a keen interest in golf and no knowledge of Covid 19 will review the activities of the nation's golfers during the latter part of 2020 and early part of 2021 with total bewilderment.

After thousands of words have been written and months of anticipation the much heralded WHS came into effect on November 2 2020. We gave this new system a try for a few days and then stopped playing completely on November 5.

Golfers ventured out again to give it another try on December 2 but only did so for a few short weeks and with little enthusiasm to an extent that they could only muster two players at a time. Finally, on January 5 2021 golfers all over England said enough was enough and packed it in all together for three months.

Somebody had better explain!

You can you know!

THERE WAS an interesting rules article in National Club Golfer recently. We all know that if you knock the ball from the tee peg accidentally as you line up or take a practice swing two things happen. Somebody says 'one' and you replace the ball without penalty.

We also know that if you play a shot and miss the ball but knock it off the peg you have completed a stroke and you are now playing two. But do you play it as it lies or can you tee up again?

The answer is that it depends on whether or not your ball remains in the teeing area. If it rolls outside you must play your second shot from where it lies but if it remains within the teeing area you play it as it lies or tee up again without penalty. But remember you have still played a shot so you are playing two. Rule 6.2b (6) applies.

Coming up at WBGC

May

- 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
- Tue 18 Ladies: Coronation Foursomes
- Wed 19 Men: Midweek Stableford (Y)
Liddiard
- Sat 22 Men: Stableford
Ladies: Fun Competition
Central Sevens 1 v Cherwell Edge (H)
- Sun 23 Men & Ladies: Fun Competition