



The Js have it and other results from WBGC

Jane and Jason win in Chappell

Your editor had only just finished reading an article in National Club Golfer about how WHS favours the high handicappers when the result of the Chappell Cup came through. The pairing of Jane Brackenbury and Jason Kendal with playing handicaps of nine and one respectively, had won five shots clear of the field. There you go then!

Jane and Jason won the mixed better-ball stableford competition played on Saturday May 15 with 41 points. Sandy Miller and Steve Cox, Tina Mulford and Greg Collins and Pat Treacy and Rob Bridgeman were tied on 36 with the placing resolved in that order on count-back.

Mark takes Lambourn

Mark Charlton won the two-round medal Lambourn Trophy on Sunday May 16 when his score in Round 2 of net 73, added to his round-winning net 70 in Round 1 was just enough to hold off the challenges of Colin Harrison and Jim Harris.

Mark shot a gross 80, net 70 in Round 1, Gary Moore was second with gross 89, net 72 while Chris Prior won a five-way tie on net 74 with Jason Read, Luke Prestoe, Tim Howes and Colin Harrison on count-back to take third place.

It was nicely set up for a battle in Round 2 and it proved to be a close run thing.

Mustapha (Muz) Mzouri won on the day with a gross 86, net 67, Jim Harris was second with 89, 69 and Colin Harrison third with 88, 71.

This meant that Mark was the outright winner with a combined score of 143, winning from Colin who took second spot and Jim in third place.

Graham wins seniors' medal

Graham Brindley won a closely contested seniors' medal on Monday May 10 with a score of gross 90, net 71 while Patrick Whelehan with gross 84, net 72 was second beating Bill (The Hat) Loughlin, gross 95 net 72, on count-back.

It's Jane again

Jane Wilmore followed up a win in last month's midweek stableford by winning the ladies' midweek May medal with gross 113, net 79. Tina Mulford with gross 100 net 82 was second while Sandy Miller took third place with 113, net 84

... and Steve

There was a four-way tie on 20 points in the weekly nine-hole qualifying competition for the Liddiard Cup on Wednesday May 12 when Steve Fisher won for the second time this year. This time he had to rely on count-back to win from Chris Prior, Dan Bowsher and Greg Collins. Steven



Jane and Jason win Chappell Cup

Salter and Simon Barrie also scored the 19 points required to qualify for the final on July 21.

It's a team game

In team events the seniors won 5-1 away at Wokefield Estate while Luke Prestoe and Dan Taylor won their way into Round 4 of the national Daily Mail Foursomes knockout competition by winning at home against Weybrook Park Golf Club at the first extra hole.

Clubhouse Opens

WHAT GREAT news we all enjoyed when receiving the Member Update from the GC on May 13 announcing that the clubhouse, bar and kitchen would re-open on Monday May 17 2021.

This is great news. How we have missed the joy that the convivial joining of golfers brings. Just think of the number of putts that have just lipped out that we never had the chance to discuss in the depth they deserve. Consider also how we have not had time to dwell on all those hard luck stories of bad bounces, overhanging branches and all the other foibles that lady luck imparts on us poor, more deserving, golfer. I bet you can't wait.

On the other hand there are Karen's bacon sarnies, sausage rolls and other comestibles to savour and the cheering banter of Ian and Johnnie to anticipate. What more could we want?

To enjoy these privileges we must obey the following rules based on government guidelines:

- The seating has been arranged in tables for four and six people and these must not be moved.
- Members must remain in the group they played in and not mix with other groups in the Clubhouse.
- Table service will be in operation and menus are displayed on the boards by the kitchen hatch.

Please also remember that social distancing remains in place at all times and you must wear a mask when moving around inside the clubhouse.

Who put the 'The' in WBGC?

IF YOU goggle for somewhere to play golf in West Berkshire you will be surprised to see there are two 18-hole courses in the sprawling metropolis of Chaddleworth.

One is West Berkshire Golf Club and the other is The West Berkshire Golf Club. With your local knowledge you will probably guess that, despite one being rated with a highly creditable 4.5 stars and the other a lowly 2.0, they are one and the same club. So which is the one we know and love?

Our Constitution clearly gives our official title as The West Berkshire Golf Club. No doubt there then, except even that august document muddies the water a little in that every appendix is labelled simply West Berkshire Golf Club.

So, we are The West Berkshire Golf Club. But don't worry, grammatical usage rules mean that there is no need to repeat the definite article.

You do not have to say you are a member of the The West Berkshire Golf Club any more than you might be lucky enough to say: "Last week I ate at the The Ivy." Just The West Berkshire Golf Club will do.

Note: Whatever the legality of the situation I think WBGC has a comforting and familiar feel and look about it and will be continued to be used in TTNB unless otherwise instructed.
Ed.

It's definitely Kevin

IT FALLS on me, your editor, to apologise for yet another error in these pages. In our last issue it was announced that Kevin Bishop was the captain of the West Berks 2 team that plays in the Central Sevens Golf League.

It is in fact Kevin Howe. I was told it was Kevin Howe and I received notification from the GC that it was Kevin Howe and yet, for some reason, I wrote that it was Kevin Bishop.

I really do think there should be a medical to sift out candidates for this job. I offer my sincere apologies to both Kevins.

Ed

Keep it going Karen

I HAVE to confess that I have one real concern that tempers my enthusiasm about the easing of Covid restrictions.

With admirable foresight Nick and Karen at Foxes Catering launched a top class take-away service when the lockdown impinged on their traditional event catering activities.

To keep prospective customers informed, Karen sends out a charming missive each Sunday that is sensitive, warm and informative. She covers many subjects from Nick's lockdown hairstyle to gardening and from fashion to the weather. Even football got a mention last week.

Thank you Karen for brightening up our lockdown Sundays and I am sure I am not alone in hoping they continue beyond the epidemic.

Dave Ware

End of an era

AN END of an era at WBGC was marked by the retirement of Mike Hawkins who finally called it day earlier this year after over 43 years of service.

The husband and wife duo of Mike and Doreen, who retired in August 2017, have been a part of the fabric of WBGC since its inception. In fact, their involvement at the club goes back beyond the 43 years that the club has existed as they began working in the bar in 1977, a year before the club, as we know it, was formed.

When Fred Boobyer formed WBGC, Mike and Doreen began helping out with the catering and Doreen became a regular assistant in the kitchen in the new Clubhouse in 1984 with Mike assisting on big event days in addition to carrying out many other jobs at the club. For many years they proved to be a very reliable duo running the kitchen a couple of days a week.

Mike and Doreen have been great assets to the club over the past forty years and more. They were very popular with members and visitors and we thank them both for all their efforts and wish them a very long and happy retirement.

Coming up at WBGC

May

- Sat 22 Men: Stableford
Mixed: Ping Mixed Pairs
Central Sevens 1 v Cherwell Edge (H)
- Sun 23 Men & Ladies: Fun Competition
- Tue 25 Men: Midweek Stableford (Y)
Mixed: Sunshine Cup
- Wed 26 Liddiard
- Thu 27 Seniors v Drayton Park (H)
- Sat 29 Men: Stableford
Ladies: Monthly Medal
Central Sevens 1 v Drayton Gold (A)
- Sun 30 Men: Summer Competition

June

- Tue 1 Ladies: Monthly Midweek Stableford
Seniors: v Donnington Grove (A)
- Wed 2 Liddiard
- Thu 3 Men: Midweek Medal (W)
- Sat 5 MEN'S PAIRS OPEN
- Sun 6 Men: Monthly Medal