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A champion weekend Christy puts his best foot backward and it's Jane again

What a great weekend of golf it was. The weather was a lot drier than forecast but the wind was tricky, the greens good and the rough testing, as it should be over the champion weekend. And, right on cue, two worthy champions emerged after two tough days of golf.

Congratulations to our champions and other winners but most of all to every competitor who played their part over the two days. Thanks go to the competition secretaries and everyone else involved in organising the event. Well done!



Jane with captain Rob

Jane an eight-time champion

Jane Brackenbury is our ladies' champion for the eighth year in succession. Jane shot 91 on both Saturday and Sunday for a total of 182 to record a remarkable clean sweep since 2014. Before Jane started setting the pace no one had won more than three years in succession and Linda Alexander had set the most number of wins with four.

Jane was followed home by Tina Mulford who had a tough time on Saturday but recovered well to end with a total of 203 while Renee Wheeler with 212 took third spot. Looking forward to the years ahead we must take note and congratulate Chloe Somerville who finished a highly creditable fourth on 216 in her first full year of playing golf.

Georgie Seaman with net scores of 79 on both days for a total of 158 won the best net prize.

Christy walks it

Christy Whelehan's fourth win in the men's championship to retain his title that he won last year is truly the story of the year or any other year for that matter. Just 11 weeks ago on April 10 Christy suffered a serious knee injury while playing football for Letcombe FC in a cup match against Hungerford Town Swifts at Bulpit Lane. It happened in the 37th minute, the match was abandoned and Christy was whisked away to hospital where he underwent surgery to repair torn patella and quadriceps tendons and a shattered kneecap.

For five weeks he had to wear a full extension splint that gave no leg movement whatsoever before using a knee brace that gave varying movement that he only replaced with a knee bandage support just a week before the championships.

Two weeks ago your editor saw Christy, complete with a knee-brace, on the driving range and commented on how surprised I was to see him playing golf again so soon. He explained he couldn't turn through properly and had to hit it off the back foot and added that he was practicing for the club championship. I had a good laugh, said something like 'dream on' and went on my way. How wrong I was.



Christy and knee

Christy strolled round West Berks at the weekend carrying his bag shooting the best round of 78 on Saturday and tying with Craig Wighton on 76 on Sunday. His winning score of 154 was two ahead of Craig who was second on 156 while Jason Kendal was third on 161. Well-done Christy a real triumph over adversity and an object lesson in bloody mindedness!

Ben Reffin had the best net total over the two days with 148, while Craig Wighton and Stuart Harrison tied on 150.

Chris wins Wise

Chris (Rambo) Prior won the Wise Trophy for handicaps between 13 and 18 with rounds of 89 and 84 for a 173. Nathan Keep shot 84 and 97 for a total of 181 to take second spot while Simon Barrie with 87 and 95 finished with a total of 182 to take third spot.

The best net score over the two days was Chris Prior on 149, Simon Barrie on 150 and Nathan Keep 153.

Muz to the fore

Mustapha (Muz) Mzouri with a 98 on Saturday and a fine 90 on Sunday for a total of 188 won the Bennett Cup for handicaps of over 18. He won by eight shots from Lloyd Ponsford who with 104 and 92 for 196 took second place beating Kevin Hopwood who scored 95 and 102 for 197 by a single shot.

The best net score was again our overall winner, Muz, on 150 while Gerry O'Sullivan was second on 156 and Kevin Hopwood third with 157.

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Rambo wins Wise



Muz takes Bennett Cup

Update on other results

THERE were other events at West Berks as well as the champion weekend and here is a summary of those results

Dance anyone?

The team comprising Jane Wilmore, Rukshi Watson, Rob Small and Allan Trotman won the June midweek mixed 'waltz' competition played on Tuesday June 22 with 79 points. Helen Bell, Carol Joyce, Chris Capel and Brian Grace were second with 74.

Liam wins Liddiard

Liam McCullough won nine-hole qualifying competition for the Liddiard Cup on Wednesday June 23 with 24 points. Chris Harris was a shot behind in second spot and Rob Camden third with 20. Simon Barrie and Sam Jubb both scored the qualifying mark of 19 points.

It's Sean's stableford

Sean Sheils won the men's midweek stableford on Friday June 25 with 39 points while Simon Barrie was a shot behind beating Jack Findlater on countback to take second place.

It's a team game

On Wednesday June 23 a West Berks mixed team visited Marlborough GC and, according to organiser Sian Soanes, both teams of six pairs enjoyed fine weather and shared the points as we recording a fine away half. The following day the Vets entertained Test Valley and won the match 2-1.

Just for fun

The team comprising Aileen Summers, Carol Sparvell and Babs Collyer won a ladies' midweek fun competition on June 29 with 64 points, two shots clear of runners-up Rukshi Watson, Carol Joyce and Ann Davies.

Coming up at WBGC

July

- Sat 3 Men: Stableford
Ladies: Monthly Medal
Central Sevens 1 v Rye Hill (H)
- Sun 4 Men: Monthly Medal
- Mon 5 Seniors v Weybrook Park (A)
- Tue 6 Men: Midweek Stableford (W)
Ladies: Monthly Midweek Stableford
- Wed 7 Liddiard
- Fri 9 Seniors: Medal
- Sat 10 Men: Stableford
Men v Hadden Hill (A)
Mixed v North Wilts (H)
- Sun 11 Men: Clama Trophy
- Mon 12 Seniors v Wokefield Estate (H)
- Tue 13 Men: Midweek Stableford (Y)
Ladies v Bradfield College (H)
- Wed 14 Liddiard – last chance to qualify
- Sat 17 Men: Stableford
Men v Broome Manor (H)
Ladies: Summer Stableford
- Sun 18 Men & Ladies: Pro's Cup