



Tina's cup runneth over and Gary and Keith hold lead in Badger

TINA MULFORD'S cup certainly was full on Tuesday August 10. The cup in question being the Eastwood Cup that she won with 37 points. Sandy Miller was second on 31 and Jane Wilmore third on 29. As tradition demands the competition sponsor, Nicolette Eastwood, fills the cup with cherries for no better reason than she just loves cherries and it is a chance to celebrate the season in which the competition is held.



Nicolette and Tina proving that golf really is just a bowl of.....

Gary and Keith hold a slender lead

Gary Moore and Keith Wilkins won Round 1 of the Badger Trophy, a two-round better-ball stableford competition played on Sundays August 8 and 15, with 45 points. Chris Prior and Michael Murphy were second on 44 and Steve Hackett and Andy Morris were further point back third.

So Gary and Keith take a lead into the second round but with, in addition to those above, Mark Ramos and Joe Burke on 42, Jason Kendal and Kevin Wilkins on 41, Mark Ridgill and Dan Read and Tony Athawes and Nigel Day on 40, plus a remarkable nine pairs tied on 39 it is still all to play for.

Andy wins August medal

Andy Grayson won Division 1 of the men's August medal on the opening day of the month scoring gross 79, net 70. Degga Smith took second spot with gross 81, net 71 beating Matt Harris, gross 76, net 71 on countback.

Dan Bowsher won Division 2 with gross 85, net 68. Ian Lewin was second on gross 84, net 69 while men's captain, Rob Bridgeman took third spot with gross 87, net 71.

Monthly midweek is Pat's

Pat Treacy won the ladies' monthly midweek stableford on August 3 with 35 points while Tina Mulford was second on 31. Carol Joyce with 29 points beat Rukshi Watson on countback to take third place.

Ben edges home

Comps don't get much tighter than this - unless it's Badger R1 of course. A single point separated the top five places in the men's Saturday stableford on August 7. Ben Reffin won with 40 points and a four-way tie on 39 points for second spot was resolved by countback in the order of Tony Atkins, Mark Kendal, Chris Brind and Andrew Vine.

Jane on Saturday

Jane Brackenbury won the ladies' Saturday stableford on August 7 with 38 points. Tina Mulford was second on 35 while Gale McAuley took third spot with 31.

It's a team game

Our seniors visited Wrag Barn on Wednesday August 4 and despite being a man short achieved a well-earned half while the ladies' team hosted a match on Thursday August 5 against Sandford Springs and although it's reported that a good day was had by all we lost 3-1.

However, the ladies were back to form on Thursday August 12 when they entertained visitors from The Springs and won the match 3-1.

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WHAT THEY say about London buses is certainly true about holes-in-one at West Berks with three aces recorded in just five weeks. Dan Bowsher aced the seventh on June 30 while Michael Murphy repeated the feat on July 27 and Tony Atkins holed his nine-iron shot to the eleventh hole on August 5 to complete the hat-trick. How long will we have to wait for the next one?



Tony showing the way to do it

Ladies in Duncan semi-final

THE LADIES played the quarter-finals of the Duncan Trophy against Mapledurham on Wednesday August 4 winning a very tight match 3-2.

The Duncan Trophy is a club knockout competition organised by the Berkshire County Ladies Golf Association and is open to all affiliated clubs. It is played in a singles format for teams of five players with handicaps ranging from 10 to 25.

We will meet the winners of the tie between Sonning and Royal Ascot in the semi-final that is due to be played some time before September 25.

We wish them well.

You have to be sure

THERE WAS an interesting article in National Club Golfer recently about rules of losing a ball in GUR and I think it worthwhile mentioning in this issue. The essence of the article is that we all know that you can take relief from GUR but what if your ball cannot be found?

Ground Under Repair is one of four abnormal course conditions identified in the rules. The others are animal holes, immovable obstructions, and temporary water.

Rule 16 provides you with all the answers about how and where you drop but Rule 16.1e applies to our scenario and this states: If your ball has not been found and it is known or virtually certain that your ball came to rest in or on an abnormal course condition on the course, you may take relief under Rule 16.1b, c or d. You do this by using the estimated point where the ball last crossed the edge of the abnormal course condition on the course as the reference point.

The key to this is that you 'must know' or be 'virtually certain' that the ball is in that area. Thinking that it 'might be' or 'could be' or 'probably is' is not enough. You have to be 95 per cent sure that that is what happened. Just 'hoping so' is certainly not enough!

Rest of August at WBGC

- Sat 14 Men: Stableford
Ladies: Stevenson Trophy
Central Sevens 2 v Witney Lakes Fairways (H)
- Sun 15 Men: Badger Trophy R2
- Tue 17 Men: Midweek Stableford (Y)
Ladies: SENIORS' CHAMPIONSHIP
- Thu 19 Seniors v Ogbourne Downs (H)
- Sat 21 Men: Stableford
Ladies: Stewards Cup
Central Sevens 1 v Rye Hill (A)
Central Sevens 2 v Kirtlington Blue (H)
- Sun 22 Men & Ladies: Fun Competition
- Tue 24 Ladies: Fun Competition
- Wed 25 Men: Midweek Stableford (W)
- Thu 26 Seniors v Upavon (A)
- Sat 28 Men: Stableford
Men v Studley Wood (H)
Ladies: Fun Competition
Central Sevens 1 v Cotswolds (A)
- Sun 29 Men: Summer Competition
- Tue 31 Men: Midweek Stableford (W)
Mixed: Monthly Midweek Competition