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It's Open season at West Berks

TWO HIGHLY successful Open competitions were held at West Berks within three days recently.

On Thursday September 2, Chris Barlow and Steve Hutchings of Newbury and Crookham won the men's Senior Open with 44 points. The sell-out contest was a close run affair however with Chris Moore of West Berks and Richard Aldred of Newbury and Crookham beaten into second place on countback while Kevin Wilkins of West Berks and Glen Crocker of Wells were a single shot back in third spot.

The prize for the best score on the front nine was won by Jeremy Clews of Broadstone and Simon Clews of Putterham with 25 points while Bernard Saunders and Bob Jeffrey of Huntswood with 22 points won the back nine. Other prizewinners were Cliff Coles of Cotswold Edge for the nearest the pin on the eleventh hole and Tony Athawes of West Berks for the longest drive on the tenth.

The Ladies Open was held just two days later with Hazel Rogers and Alex Cram of Easthampstead winning with 46 points. Amanda Bancroft and Lisa Smith from East Berks were second with 43 points beating

Sally Shayler from Bedfordshire GC and Jenny Prior from Bedford and County on countback.

The best front nine of 22 points came from Maureen West and Jackie Madden from Maidenhead and Wendy Ducker and Julia Pook from Ogbourne Downs won the best back nine with the same score. The prize for the nearest the pin in two on the third was won by Lucy Bamford from Easthampstead while Hazel Rogers also from Easthampstead won nearest the pin on the eleventh.

Sobell House also a winner

In addition to providing two great days of golf for all contestants, a sum just shy of £1,000 was raised over the two days for the Captain's Charity, Sobell House, an Oxford-based charity that offers specialist palliative care to those facing life threatening illness, death and bereavement. Congratulations to all those involved in the two events.

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Coming up in September

- Sat 11 Men: Stableford
Ladies: Monthly Medal
Men v Hadden Hill (H)
Central Sevens 1 v Cotswolds (H)
Central Sevens 2 v Witney Lakes Fairways (A)
- Sun 12 Men: Crawford Cup
- Tue 14 Ladies: Monthly Midweek Medal
- Thu 16 Men: Midweek Stableford (W)
Seniors v Witney Lakes (A)
- Sat 18 Men: Stableford
Men v Goring & Streatley (A)
Ladies: Gillas Cup R1
- Sun 19 Men & Ladies: Fun Competition
Mixed v Oxford City (H)
- Tue 21 Mixed: Monthly Midweek Competition
- Fri 24 Men: Midweek Stableford (W)
- Sat 25 Men: Stableford
Ladies: Stableford Competition
Central Sevens 1 v Tadmerton Heath (A)
Central Sevens 2 v Radley (H)
- Sun 26 CAPTAINS' CHARITY DAY
Ladies: Summer Eclectic finishes
- Mon 27 Ladies: Winter Eclectic commences
- Tue 28 Ladies: Fun Competition
- Wed 29 Men: Midweek Medal (W)



Winners Chris and Steve with senior captain Bob Ekins

Still time for JHB Trophy

There remains the coming weekend to make your bid to win this year's JHB Trophy, a competition that celebrates all the hard work and special commitment made by John Bennett and his late wife, Jane, to the cause of WBGC.

The competition itself is rather special in that you choose when you play and (if you're a bloke) choose what tees you play from.

How it works

The completion is set up as a 90% handicap non-qualifier.

Play any day up to and including Sunday September 12.

Ladies play off the red tees but men can choose which tees to play.

If you play off the white tees you add two stableford points to your score and the blues add four.

A player can only play once.

Give it a go – there's still time.

Recent results at WBGC

Nathan and Kevin take Saturday stablefords

Nathan Keep won the men's Saturday stableford on August 28 with 39 points. Ben Reffin took second spot with 37 points and Nick Jones third with 35. A week later Kevin Holloway shot a splendid 43 to win by two shots from Jason Read while Steve Fisher with 37 beat Nick Jones on countback to take third place.

Jane takes three

Also on August 28 Jane Brackenbury won the ladies' weekend 'three clubs and a putter' competition with a fine 35 points. Gale McAuley took second spot with 31 and Tina Mulford with 30 points beat Renee Wheeler on countback to take third place.

It's that man Dan again

Dan Hawkins followed up his win in the midweek stableford by winning the men's 'three clubs and a putter' competition played on Sunday August 29 with 37 points while Rob Griffiths was a point back in second place and Steve Fisher a further shot back third.

No scramble for Carol, Phil and Chris

It may have been a Dallas Scramble but it certainly wasn't much of a scramble for the team comprising Carol Sparvell, Phil Moss and Chris Capel in the monthly midweek mixed competition on Tuesday August 31. Their winning score of 63 was a full five shots clear of Renee Wheeler, Kevin Forder and Alan Trotman who took second place while Aileen Summers, Rushki Watson and Derrick Perrin were third with 70.

Chris and Robin win in midweek

There have been two men's midweek stableford competitions since our last issue. On Tuesday August 31 Chris Prior took first place with 34 points while Ian Saunders took second spot with 33 and Andy Greaves with 32 points beat Matt Harris and Paul Beake on countback to take third spot.

The following week, on a very hot and humid Monday September 6, Robin Knape won with 37 points. John Loader was a point back in second spot and Dave Watkins third on 34.

Craig and Lloyd are September medallists

The men's September medal was played on Sunday September 5 and Craig Wighton with a gross 76 net 73 won Division 1 with the lowest gross score of the day. He was followed home by a three-way tie on net 75 with countback resolving the placing as Stuart Harrison, gross 85, second, Mark Charlton, also gross 85, third and Dan Taylor, gross 86, fourth. Lloyd Ponsford won Division 2 with gross 87 net 70 while Martyn Drewitt with gross 92 net 72 beat Aaron Rid, gross 86 net 72 on countback to take second place.

Jane wins Harris Cup

Jane Wilmore overcame a very hot September evening to win the nine-hole final of the Harris Cup on Monday September 6 with an outstanding 24 points. The final is the culmination of a series of weekly competitions played throughout the summer where 17 points are required to qualify for the final. Sandy Miller with 17 points beat Georgie Seaman on countback to take second place.

Georgie this time

Just a day later Georgie Seaman went two better scoring 32 points to win the ladies' midweek stableford that replaced the Husbands/Wives/Partners Trophy originally scheduled for that day but was cancelled because too many people were away. Sandy Miller was second on 28 and Ola Adams third with 21.



Craig Wighton winner of Division 1 of September medal

Team matters

Catching up on the team events since our last issue, it has been mixed fortunes for our team that plays in Division 1 of the Central Sevens Golf League. On Saturday August 28 we visited Cotswold Club and recorded a fine 4½ - 2½ away win but on the following Saturday lost away to Cherwell Edge 5-2.

The men's Saturday team maintained recent good form with a 4-1 home win against Studley Wood while the Vets entertained Bicester and recorded a 3-2 win. Meanwhile on Thursday September 9 the seniors played a home fixture against Witney Lakes and secured a 4-2 victory.