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A great day for golf and for Sobell House

THIS YEAR'S Captain's Charity Day was held on Sunday September 26 and a splendid day it was with 136 members enjoying a great day of golf. However, the biggest winner was undoubtedly Sobell House, a charity that offers specialist palliative care to those facing life threatening illness, death and bereavement, with over £3,600 being raised on the day.

Steve White and Chris (Rambo) Prior were the overall winners with 52 points while Mark Watkins and Steve Salter were a point behind in second place and Simon Barrie and Lloyd Ponsford were a point further back third.

Aaron Rid won the men's longest drive competition while Renee Wheeler won the ladies' prize. Jon Chard, Tina Mulford, Andy Grayson, Jane Brackenbury, Simon Edgington and Mark Kendal won nearest the pin prizes. John (Chopper) Harris won the special nearest the pin prize on the eleventh hole winning a Nintendo Switch console and games. Steve Haylor holed the longest putt of the day to win the putting competition. Congratulations to captain Rob and all those involved with the day.



Steve and Rambo with captain Rob

Chris takes JHB Trophy

CHRIS WARD won the JHB Trophy with a fine 44 points. The competition is played annually in recognition of the great contribution that John Bennett and his late wife, Jane, have made to the club. Greg Collins was second with 42 points while Andy Grayson was third on 37. Sian Soanes won the ladies' prize with 34 points while Jane Brackenbury was second with 33.

So close in Duncan Trophy

IN OUR previous issue we added a last-minute footnote that our ladies' team lost on Monday September 20 in the semifinal of the Duncan Trophy. There was neither space nor time to do justice to this achievement in that issue but it really was a fine effort.

We do not claim to have the largest ladies' section in the county but we certainly punch above our weight. The Duncan Trophy is an inter-club knockout competition open to all clubs in Berkshire for teams of five players with handicaps from 10 to 25. Twenty teams entered the 2021 competition and we beat Newbury and Crookham and Mapledurham on the way to the semifinal that was played against Royal Ascot at Sand Martins. The match could hardly have been closer with the result decided on the nineteenth hole in the final game.

Our team captain, Sian Soanes, was obviously disappointed at losing but expressed great pride in the team's performance and commitment and is already looking forward to next year's competition.

We wish them well.

Chesty is at it as well

GRAHAM (CHESTY) Miles, showing scant respect to the tradition that a hole-in-one is a rare and newsworthy event, aced the seventh on September 20. Does he not realise that over the past few weeks our readers have been informed of the brilliance of Dan Bowsher and Michael Murphy at the seventh: of the unerring accuracy of Tony Atkins at the eleventh and the co-ordinated excellence of Jane Brackenbury and Tony Dyet who both aced the seventeenth on the same day. However, it didn't stop him jumping on the bandwagon. So well done Chesty but the question has to be asked whether anyone bothers to play the fourteenth.

Playing away

IF YOU see Babs Collyer and Sandy Miller both sporting brand new golf bags don't think that they shop together, it's just that they win together. Playing with former WBGC members, Mary Harwood and Jan Francis, they won the Sand Martins Ladies Open on Wednesday September 22 with a score of 81, just one point ahead of the team from Newbury and Crookham. Congratulations to members past and present.



A belated presentation: Jane Wilmore with the Harris Cup

Recent results at West Berks

John lords it on Saturday

John Baron won the men's Saturday stableford played on September 18 with 39 points, Liam Bint was second on 38 and Andy (Eagle) Yates third on 35.

No scrambling with gross 59

The team comprising Andy Greaves, Luke Prestoe, Dan Taylor and Dan Hawkins returned a remarkable gross 59, net 50 to win a mixed Texas Scramble competition played on Sunday September 19. Ian Lewin, Stuart King, Ian Haines and Steve Fisher were second on 52 beating Gary Abraham, Joe Burke, John (JC) Carroll and Gary Moore on countback.

Jokers are not wild

The mixed competition on Tuesday September 21 was a team event played in Joker AmAm format and was won by the team comprising Patrick Wilmore, Phil Moss and Carol Joyce with 106 points. Dave Bridgeman, Jane Wilmore and Georgie Seaman were second on 99 points.

Chopper in midweek

John (Chopper) Harris won the men's midweek stableford played on Friday September 24 with 37 points. Andy Grayson took second spot with 33 points while Alexander Anderson was third with 28.

Georgie wins on Saturday

Georgie Seaman won the ladies' stableford on Saturday September 25 with 37 points. Jane Brackenbury was a single point behind in second spot while Sandy Miller was a further two shots back in third place.

Dan's the man

Dan Bowsher with 39 points won a closely contested men's Saturday stableford played on September 25 beating the men's captain Rob Bridgeman on countback. Mark Kendal was a single shot further back with 38.

Ladies' team stableford

The team comprising Georgie Seaman, Renee Wheeler and Catherine Barnard won a ladies' team stableford competition on September 28 with 63 points. Jane Wilmore, Simone Diamond and Helen Bell were

Coming up at WBGC

Sat 2	Men: Stableford Men v Ogbourne Downs (H) Ladies: Monthly Medal
Sun 3	Men: Monthly Medal
Mon 4	Seniors: Medal
Tue 5	Ladies: Monthly Midweek Stableford
Thu 7	Mixed v Bradfield (A)
Fri 8	Men: Midweek Stableford (Y)
Sat 9	Men: Stableford Ladies: Gillas Cup R2 Central Sevens 1 Cotswold Club (H)
Sun 10	Men & Ladies: Corbridge Air Ambulance Cup
Tue 12	Men: Midweek Stableford (W) Seniors v Ladies: Chris Green Trophy
Thu 14	Seniors v Ogbourne Downs (A)
Sat 16	Men: Stableford Ladies: Gillas Cup Final
Sun 17	Men: Gillas Cup R1

WEST BERKS GOLF CLUB LADIES SECTION

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of the WBGC Ladies Section will be held in the clubhouse on:

Saturday November 6 2021 at 2.30 pm.

Agenda and paperwork will be made available to lady members shortly.

Central Sevens update

WEST BERKS 1 lost 6-1 away at Tadmerton Heath in Division 1 of the Central Sevens Golf League while West Berks 2, already crowned winners of Division 5, completed their fixtures with a 4½ - 2½ win at home to Radley. This means that they remain unbeaten throughout the season with four wins and two draws. Congratulations to skipper, Kevin Howe, and all the players who represented the club throughout the season. In addition special congratulations go to Lee Ruddle who won the divisional order of merit award.

The picture shows from left to right: Jonny Dix, Liam Bint, Kevin Howe, Charlie Overton, Lee Ruddle, Christy Whelehan, Brian Reid. Other team members who played their part throughout the year were: Matt Harris, Darren Morton, Chris Ward, Graham Brindley, Jim Harris and Lee Stocker.



West Berks 2 Divisional Champions