



Gale wins on the day but Jane takes Gillas

GALE McAULEY won the third and final round of the ladies' Gillas Cup played on Saturday October 16 with 36 points. There followed a three-way tie on 34 points that was resolved in the order of Jane Brackenbury, Sandy Miller and Tina Mulford on countback.

This result means that Jane Brackenbury wins the 2021 Gillas Cup thanks to the 40 points from Round 2 that she took into the final to give an aggregate score of 74. Gale McAuley was second with 66 and Tina Mulford third on 62.

Chopper's senior medal

John (Chopper) Harris won the men's seniors' medal played on Monday October 4 with gross 86, net 71. Trevor Rogers with gross 97, net 74 beat Paul Barton gross 93, net 74 on countback to take second spot.

Countback again

Countback was also required to resolve the men's Saturday stableford on October 9 when Andy (Eagle) Yates claimed first spot from Charles Overton when they both scored 38 points. Simon Brown was a point further back in third place.

On the mark

Mark Kendal won the men's Saturday stableford on October 16 with 39 points. Kevin Knappe was two points behind in second place while Stuart Murphy with 36 points beat Dan Hawkins on countback to take third place.

Beaky takes lead in Gillas

When Graham (Chesty) Miles walked off having posted 43 points in Round 1 of the men's Gillas Cup on Sunday October 17 he must have wondered if he had done enough to win on the day. In the event, he didn't even get into the winner's enclosure. Paul Beake won with an impressive 46 points in a competition where the first 11 players scored 40 points or more. Ben Reffin was a point behind in second place while Mark Ridgill was a point further back third.

Carol wins midweek medal

Carol Sparvell with a gross score of 107, net 76 won the ladies' monthly midweek medal on Tuesday October 19. Chloe Somerville was second with gross 100, net 77 while Tina Mulford with gross 98, net 79 was third.

Who needs more?

Gale McAuley won the ladies' 'three clubs and a putter' competition on Saturday October 23 with 33 points. Sally Field was second on 31 and Pat Treacy was a point further back in third place.

Ian wins in midweek

Ian Saunders won the men's midweek stableford played on Monday October 25 with 35 points. Ian was followed home by a three-way tie on 34 points with countback deciding that Barry Marshall was placed second and that John Loader beat Sean Sheils to take third spot.

Midweek mixed

The monthly midweek mixed competition played on October 26 was a better ball stableford in which the best stableford score counted on par three holes, the two best on par fours and three on par fives. Two teams had only three players and therefore drew a blind score card to add to their score. The team comprising Tony Coventry, Steve Haylor and Helen Bell both played and drew well to return 90 points and win from runners-up Patrick Wilmore, Bob Fagg, Lyn Pell and Catherine Barnard who scored 87.

Team matters

It's good to report that the M4 Senior Winter League is up and running again. We play in the Knebworth League and our first match under the guidance of Andy Robbings played on Monday October 11 was a 2-2 draw away at The Downshire. This was followed a week later with a comprehensive 4-0 victory at home against Sherfield Oaks. The other teams competing alongside us in the Knebworth League are Theale and Sand Martins.

The seniors completed their 2021 fixture list with a fine 3½-2½ away win at Ogbourne Downs on Thursday October 14 so ended the season with having played 17 matches. Of these, ten were won, three halved and four lost. A full round-up was provided in TTNB 165 and a report on the seniors' AGM is elsewhere in this issue.

Saturday team 2021 summary

The men's Saturday inter-club team completed its 2021 fixtures with a fine 3½-2½ victory away at Broome Manor on Saturday October 23.

Four fixtures were cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions and of the nine matches played we returned six wins, two draws and just one defeat.

Men's captain, Rob Bridgman, said: "I would like to thank all the players who represented the club during the year. The matches provide all members with an opportunity to represent the club in competitive but friendly matches. A special vote of thanks must go to Kev Wilkins who has done a great job in arranging the fixtures and catering for these events throughout a difficult year. Don't forget to support your men's captain next year."



Jane takes 2021 Gillas



Carol wins in midweek



It's Mark's stableford

Aces go viral

SO THE golfers of West Berks are at it again. Quite honestly, the rate that our members are failing to require their second shots on par three holes is becoming mildly embarrassing.

Both the regular readers of TTNB will be aware of the splendid exploits of Dan Bowsher, Michael Murphy, Tony Atkins, Jane Brackenbury and Tony Dyet as their hole-in-ones have been well documented in these pages over the past few months. Even Chesty Miles got in on the act last month!

But there is more. John (Chopper) Harris aced the seventh during the Corbridge Cup on October 10 so hearty congratulations to him. The following week I had the pleasure of playing with Brian Holmes and I pointed out the number of aces we had recorded lately and he casually mentioned that he had also holed out on the seventh back in August. It was during a social round and witnessed by Kim Potter and Graham Mort and duly entered in the rapidly filling book in the trophy cabinet, but I missed it.

I am not sure what to think. Eight holes-in-one in a few days over three months is remarkable in anybody's book, but how many others are out there? Brian modestly suggested that as he had waited for 52 years to break his duck he may never get another. At this rate I wouldn't be so sure.

Dave Ware

Coming up at WBGC

October

Sat 30 Men: Stableford
Ladies: Pairs 4BBB

Sun 31 Men: Gillas Cup R3

November

Tue 2 Ladies: Winter Trophy Stableford

Sat 6 Men: Stableford
Ladies: Fun Comp
Ladies: AGM 1430hr

Sun 7 Men: Monthly Medal

Tue 9 Mixed: Portuguese Caddy comp

Wed 10 M4 SWL: Sherfield Oaks (A)

Sat 13 Men: Stableford
Ladies: Winter Fun Competition

Sun 14 Men: Gillas Cup Final

Mon 15 M4 SWL: Theale (H)

Tue 16 Ladies: Winter Series

Wed 17 CLUB AGM 1930hr

Sat 20 Men: Stableford
Ladies: Winter Series

Sun 21 Men: Winter League R1

Tue 23 Ladies: Winter Series

Sat 27 Men: Stableford
Ladies: Winter Series

Sun 28 Men: Winter League R2

Mon 29 M4 SWL: Sand Martins (A)

Tue 30 Ladies: Winter Trophy Stableford

Air Ambulance are the winners

IN TTNB 165 we reported that Greg Collins, Simon Barrie, Darren Boulton and Liam Bint won the Corbridge Air Ambulance Cup on Sunday October 10 with 91 points. What we didn't know at the time was that the entry fees that are donated to Thames Valley Air Ambulance totalled £560. Well done all participants. .

Seniors' AGM

THE SENIORS' secretary, Barrie Seaman, reports that there was an attendance of 12 at the Seniors' AGM held in the clubhouse on Friday October 22. At the meeting, the retiring captain, Bob Ekins, reported on a very successful season (detailed in TTNB 165) and the meeting gave Bob a unanimous vote of thanks for the sterling work he has done as captain during the past two very difficult years.

The meeting then voted unanimously that Steve Haylor should be the 2022 senior captain and that his name should go forward for ratification to the Club AGM. In addition, Nigel Huszarik was elected to be Steve's vice-captain.

There was only one topic discussed during AOB when Brian Reid, who serves on the handicap section of the General Committee, took time to discuss WHS and how it affects members. Brian fielded numerous questions from the floor and his overriding message was that all members, senior or otherwise, should put in as many cards as possible and if they did so a lot of the apparent anomalies relating to WHS would disappear.

Many thanks to Barrie for the above information and best wishes to those involved in the senior's programme next year.

New Ladies' Winter Series

APOLOGIES that we failed to publish a recent notification that this year the ladies will be running a Winter Series for five- and seven-day members on Tuesdays and Saturdays. These will replace both the Winter Challenge and Winter League and will run from mid-November to the end of February with the winners being those with the highest aggregate of their best four stableford scores. Meanwhile, the fixtures scheduled for October 30 and November 6 are replaced by a Pairs 4BBB and a fun comp respectively.