



# TEE TIMES NEWS BULLETIN

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## Beakey hangs on to take Gillas

PAUL BEAKE managed to cling on to his precarious lead in the final round of the Gillas Cup played on Sunday November 14 to win the overall competition by a single shot. Luke Prestoe was the winner on the day with 45 points. Kevin Hopwood was second with 43 followed by a four-way tie on 41 resolved by countback in the order of Pete Dye, Kevin Holloway, Stuart Harrison and Mark Ridgill.

Beakey, thanks to 46 points in Round 1, had taken a two-shot lead into the final from Mark Ridgill while there were another ten competitors on 40 points or more waiting for him to slip up. And slip up he nearly did. On cruise control after 24 points on the front nine he 'blobbed' 10, 17 and 18 but his 40 points were just enough to hold off in-form Mark Ridgill, by a single shot. The big mover on the day was Luke with his impressive 45 seeing him leap up the leaderboard from thirteenth place after three rounds to take third spot on 84.

It really was a high scoring competition. Of the 261 rounds played in this year's competition 25 were 40 points or over and Beakey's score is the highest for years. To prove the point, Kevin Hopwood, who was placed fourth in the final with 43 and an aggregate of 82 would have won three of the last four competitions.

### Darren wins Div 1 medal

Darren Boulton won Division 1 of the men's November medal played on Sunday November 7 with a gross 75, net 68. Colin Price with gross 79, net 69 was second while Patrick Wilmore with gross 81, net 70 was third. Mark Ridgill (I said he was in form) won Division 2 with gross 88, net 65 followed by Graham Miles gross 94, net 67. Andrew Mcallister took third spot with gross 84, net 68.

### The leather wedge is out

The team comprising Simone Diamond, Renee Wheeler, Brian Joyce and

Patrick Wilmore won a Portuguese Caddie competition played on Tuesday November 9 with 116 points. Ola Adams, Aileen Summers, Steve Haylor and Chris Capel took second place on 110 points while Cathy Barnard, Babs Collyer, Colin Bell and Phil Moss scored 104 to claim third spot.

This, the last of the midweek mixed competitions of 2021, is played in memory of John Adams and it is fitting that Ola's team were in the prizes. Congratulations to Ola both for the second place and supplying the pre-match mince pies that were really appreciated by all.

It should be pointed out that the rules of this competition allow players to kick the ball occasionally but on the advice of our lawyers, TTNB is obliged to point out that the title is a tribute to the fairness and scrupulous adherence to the rules of golf shown by Portuguese caddies at all times.

### Tina wins on Saturday

Tina Mulford won the ladies' par/bogey competition played on Saturday November 13 with a score of -5. Jane Brackenbury was second on -6 and Sandy Miller third with -7.

### And Kevin shows how

Also on Saturday November 13, Kevin Howe won the men's Saturday stableford with a remarkable 47 points. Phillip Armstrong was two points behind in second place while Jason Kendal was third on 43.

### Ladies' winter is underway

On Tuesday November 16, Carol Sparvell scored 29 points to win the first round of the ladies' Winter Series, a competition that runs through to the end of February. Jane Wilmore took second place on 24 points. Round 2, played on Saturday November 20, was won by Jane Brackenbury with 31 points with Gale McAuley second on 23.



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## Team matters

THE SENIORS have played two matches in the M4 Seniors Winter League since our last issue. On Wednesday November 10 they played away to Sherfield Oaks and won a valuable bonus point with a fine away half while just five days later they entertained Theale and recorded a comprehensive 4-0 victory.

Team captain, Andy Robbings, is obviously delighted with the unbeaten start to this year's campaign but there was one aspect of the performance at Sherfield Oaks that he found particularly noteworthy saying: "I was really impressed

with the fact that neither Dave Gentleman or Phil Cannon had played the course before but, with Dave being the low handicapper and giving shots, they won by 7 and 6. A great away performance that I honestly don't think I have ever seen bettered."

Well-done to Dave and Phil and to all the players involved on a good start and best wishes in what promises to be a tough away match coming up against Sand Martins on Monday November 29.

## Sorry to see you go

ALL LONG-TERM members of WBGC will have heard with great sadness of the imminent departure of three stalwarts of the club.

Our lovely pro-shop assistant, Sue Smallbone, is retiring at a ridiculously young age at the end of the year after nearly 19 years of tending to our diverse needs in the pro-shop. In addition, assistant greenkeeper, Neil Winney, is leaving at the end of November after nearly 16 years of excellent service.

The biggest surprise, however, is that Patrick Whelehan, our head greenkeeper for over 32 years, is leaving in mid-December to take on a change of career and a new challenge. Patrick has often helped put articles together in TTNB and it is hoped that he will have a last word before he goes. The good news is that we understood he is to remain in the cottage so we will still see him around WBGC.

Les and Tina said in their note informing the club of the impending departures: "We have been very fortunate to have worked with such reliable, dedicated staff and they will be greatly missed."



*Patrick - keeping us green for three decades*

I'm sure all members of WBGC will say hear, hear to that and we, as members, thank all three for their massive contributions to WBGC and wish them all very happy and successful futures.

## Rest of 2021 at WBGC

- Tue 23 Ladies: Winter Series R3
- Sat 27 Men: Stableford  
Ladies: Winter Series R4
- Sun 28 Men's Waltz (1:2:3)
- Mon 29 M4 SWL: Sand Martins (A)
- Tue 30 Ladies: Winter Trophy Stableford

### December

- Sat 4 Men & Ladies: Xmas Fun Team Waltz  
Men: Stableford
- Sun 5 Men: Winter League R2 (1,2,1,2)
- Tue 7 Ladies: 8-hole comp & lunch
- Sat 11 Men: Stableford  
Ladies: Winter Series R5
- Sun 12 Men and Ladies Fun Competition
- Tue 14 Ladies: Winter Series R6
- Wed 15 Men: Midweek TT Singles  
Ladies: Midweek TT singles
- Sat 18 Men and Ladies: TT Singles
- Sun 19 Men & Ladies: Turkey Trot Team