

## Things are warming up at WBGC

ANOTHER week nearer spring and, with the weather warming up, we saw good turnouts at the weekend.

Before then, Jane Wilmore reports that due to the course conditions on Tuesday it was decided to postpone the mixed pairs, Ian Bell Valentine Trophy, until March 17.

The ladies played a fun competition instead.

### Nick makes move in Hoppy

There were 19 entries in Wk 27/32 of the nine-hole Hopwood Salver on Wednesday.

This week's winner was Nick Jones with 20 points, Rash Patani was a point behind in second place while a three-way tie on 18 was decided on countback in the order of Kieran Dooley, Phil George and Steve Salter.

Nick's score adds one to his best-four score and he now joins Ade Prestoe in second place on 113 points.

Phil George also adds one to his best-four and John (Chopper) Harris improves his eclectic by one and they both move to joint 16th on 101. Congrats also to Peter Grayson who joins the Hoppy 100 club.

The updated Hoppy Top Ten is shown overleaf.

### Two's company

Just two hardies ventured out in Thursday's men's stableford with Peter Hobbs scoring 22 points and Martin Bosley 21.

### Spring is in the air

Or so it would seem, as we had a turnout of 52 in the men's Saturday stableford, the most since last March!

It was also closely contested as it required countback to place our winner, Peter Brown, ahead of Alex Bateman after they both returned 39 points.

Rash Patani, having a good week, was a single point back in third place.

### Tina takes WL R9

Tina Mulford scored 18 points to win round nine the ladies' nine-hole Winter League. Gale McAuley took second place with 16 points beating Rukshi Watson on countback.

### Lee and Chris win on Sunday

Sunday's comp was an American Greensomes that differs from a standard greensomes stableford in that after both players have driven, they play their partner's ball for the second shot and then choose a ball and play alternate shots for the rest of the hole.



*Tina Mulford won Round 9 WL  
A winner in all weather!*

Lee Haines and Chris Ward won with 44 points and Bob Griffiths and Anthony O'Brien were a point behind, second.

Tim Hoiles and Steve Salter were a further point behind beating Josh Wallin and Philip Coates on countback to take third place.

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## Timeline of comps

### February

Tue 17	Mixed: Ian Bell's Valentines Trophy	Postponed until March 17
Wed 18	Men and Ladies: Hopwood Salver	19 entries Nick Jones 20 points
Thu 19	Men: Midweek Stableford	2 entries Peter Hobbs 22 points
Sat 21	Men: Saturday Stableford	52 entries Peter Brown 39 points ocb from Alex Bateman
	Ladies: 9 Hole Winter League R9	5 entries Tina Mulford 18 points
Sun 22	Mixed: American Greensomes	38 entries Lee Haines and Chris Ward 44 points

**Don Shilton**

Jan 11 1931 - Feb 16 2026



IT IS our sad duty to report that Don Shilton, a very popular founder member of WBGC and captain in 1985 has died at the age of 95.

Don was born in Newbury and was a highly creative man with a talent for woodworking, painting, gardening and leather working.

A friend of many and a family man, he was a keen sportsman who played football, tennis and squash in his younger days before taking up golf. He started playing at Goring and Streatley before moving to WBGC when it opened.

Many thanks to Charlie Dixon and Don's granddaughter, Emma, for the information and our sincere condolences to Don's family on their loss.

**Senior friendly matches**

AN email was sent to all seniors on Saturday last from our seniors' captain, Nick Jones and the match organiser, Bob Griffiths, listing the early inter-club matches and encouraging members to volunteer for selection.

The first six matches are:

- Thur 9 Apr 11:00 Upavon (H)
- Thur 23 Apr 11:00 Drayton Park (H)
- Thur 14 May 11:00 Weybrook Park (H)
- Thur 21 May 10:00 Drayon Park (A)
- Thur 28 May 11:00 Weybrook Park (A)
- Thur 4 Jun 09:00 Newbury & Crookham (H)

Go on give it a go, these senior matches are great fun!  
Please see the email for full details

**This week at WBGC**

**February**

- Mon 23 Men: Midweek Stableford
- Tue 24 M4 Seniors WL v Easthampstead (A)  
Ladies: 9 Hole Winter Series R8
- Wed 25 Men and Ladies: Hopwood Salver
- Sat 28 Men: Saturday Stableford  
Ladies: 9-hole Winter League R10

**March**

- Sun 1 Mixed: March Medal

**Hoppy Top Ten wk 27/32**

	Ent	Best 4	Ecllec	Total
1 Liz Royston-Smith	6	86	30	116
2 Ade Prestoe	17	83	30	113
Nick Jones	18	80	33	113
4 Alex Evans	7	76	34	110
Ian Gillespie	11	79	31	110
6 Phil Armstrong	15	81	28	109
Frank Meere	21	81	28	109
8 Kevin Croston	21	80	28	108
9 Colin Harrison	12	79	28	107
10 Alex Bateman	9	79	27	106
Mike Ware	7	75	31	106

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