

The past week at WBGC

A COMPARATIVELY quiet week at WBGC.

Monday's men's stableford had no takers so we started our week with the ladies on Tuesday July 7.

We then had a Matt Archer double and we ended with fun in Dubai - might be a bit cooler there!

Simone starts the week

Simone Diamond won the ladies' midweek stableford on Tuesday with 37 points.

Helen Cloney took second place with 33 while Jane Wilmore was a point further back, third.

Matt's on target in Liddiard

Matt Archer won the penultimate stage of the 2026 Liddiard qualifier on Wednesday with 22 points. He was followed by Aaron Rid and Roger Hunt on 21 who finished in that order on countback.

There were 38 entries with five players making their debut in this year's comp taking the total entries this year to 131.

Of these, nine scored the 19 points required to qualify for the 18-hole final on July 22.

Congratulations go to Roger Hunt, Darren Morton, Pete Dye and Andrew Kerr who left it late but were qualifiers on the penultimate round. This takes the number of qualifiers with one week to go to 76.

A special mention has to go to Pete Dye who has watched from afar over the past 14 weeks as the struggle for qualification took place.

Then, cool as you like, with two weeks to go, he pops along. How many points do I need? Nineteen, OK that will do!

No wasted effort there then. There's one week left to be even cooler!

No change at the top in HST

There was no change at the top of the Herbie Sternberg Trophy, awarded to the player with the highest aggregate of their best five scores.

The top three played but did not improve their scores so remain at Chris Prior leading on 106, Colin Harrison is one point behind in second place and Mick Moss third on 102.

Two late movers are Aaron Rid who joins the 100 club with 101 in fourth place and Matt Archer who moves to joint fifth on 99 points with Alex Evans and Phil Armstrong.

HST Top Ten

One week to go

1	Chris Prior	106
2	Colin Harrison	105
3	Mick Moss	102
4	Aaron Rid	101
5	Matt Archer	99
	Alex Evans	99
	Phil Armstrong	99
8	Alex Bateman	98
9	Lee Haines	98
10	Mark Motion	97

Matt at the double

Matt Archer followed his win on Wednesday by winning the men's Saturday stableford with 43 points.

Kevin Knappe was a point behind in second place while Phil George was a single point further back third.

Paula's medal

Paula Corfield won the ladies' medal on Saturday with gross 101, net 75.

Gale McAuley with gross 106, net 76, beat Jane Brackenbury, gross 85, on countback to take second place.

Cool off with fun in Dubai

On Sunday, 17 teams set off in the Dubai Fun competition played in the Am-Am format where two scores count on each hole.

The team comprising Tim Hoiles. Paul Keep, Steve Salter and Sam Belcher won with 116 points.

Stuart and Colin Harrison, Lee Haines, and Bruce Fitchett scored 111 points to take second place while Ron Hurst,



Stuart Gillis a winner at Deanwood - see Page 2

John Groves, Patrick Wilmore and Martin Drew were third on 108.

Team Matters

As reported in stop press in last week's issue, the **Seniors** entertained Wokefield Estate on Monday July 6 and lost 4-2.

This Saturday **WB2** travelled to play Drayton Green in Division 1 of the Central Sevens Golf League.

The home team won 5-2 and closed the gap on our boys whose lead at the top of the division is now down to a single point.

They have another tough away game at Hinksey Heights on Saturday while on the same day, WB1 are at home to Drayton Green. We wish them both well.

Yesterday (Sunday) Jane Brackenbury led a **Mixed Team** in a home match to North Wilts and enjoyed 'a resounding 8-1 win'.

Well done indeed.

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Timeline of club comps

July

Tue 7	Ladies: Midweek Stableford	4 entries, Simone Diamond 37 points
Wed 8	Men: Liddiard Cup	38 entries, Matt Archer 22 points
Sat 11	Men: Saturday Stableford	46 entries, Matt Archer 43 points
	Ladies: Medal	5 entries, Paula Corfield net 75
Sun 12	Mixed: Dubai Fun	17 teams of 4, Tim Hoiles, Paul Keep, Steve Salter and Sam Belcher 116 points

Inter-club events

Mon 6	Seniors v Wokefield Estate (H)	Lost 4-2
Sat 11	Central 7s WB2 v Drayton Green (A)	Lost 5-2
Sun 12	Mixed Team v North Wilts (H)	Won 8-1

Newbury Inter-club Challenge

STUART GILLIS reports on our defence of the Newbury Inter-club Challenge held at Deanwood on Wednesday July 8 saying: "A very creditable second place for West Berkshire at a very hot Deanwood.

"Home knowledge certainly helped, as Deanwood won the overall challenge, alongside the mixed pairs, ladies' pairs and ladies' singles".

He went on to say that a certain Stuart Gillis triumphed in the men's singles while Rukshi Watson was second in the ladies' singles and the ladies' pair of Jane Wilmore and Sian Soanes were just two points off first place.

Renee Wheeler, Nick Jones, Captain Terry Phelps and President Kevin Hopwood completed the team, who combined to score 192 points, six points behind the new champions.

Well-done to all our team.

Final Placings

Deanwood Park	198
West Berks	192
Newbury and Crookham	185
Sandford Springs	175
Donnington Grove	171

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Coming week at WBGC

July

Club comps

Tue 14	Ladies: Midweek Medal
Wed 15	Men: Liddiard Cup
Thu 16	Men: Midweek Stableford
Sat 18	Men: Saturday Stableford
	Ladies: Stableford
Sun 19	Men: Seniors Championship

Inter-club events

Thu 16	Seniors v Donnington Grove (H)
Sat 18	Central 7s WB1 v Drayton Green (H)
	Central 7s WB2 v Hinksey Heights (A)