

## Bengeo Golf Society

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ARE YOU READY TO TROT THE TURKEY?

**WHAT** a wow! we had Gog Magog—three in fact.

Wow! No.1 had to be the course—so well drained that they still didn't have 'winter rules' in November, despite three-inches of rain over the previous two days.

Wow! No.2 was Clive Ackerman generously auctioning for charity his winning ticket for a free day at the Xmas Scramble.

Wow! No.3 had to be Martyn West clearing the bunker on the 16th. It spans the full width of the fairway and requires a drive of 280 carry to clear it.

We had capacity field at Gog Magog. Not surprising, we were only paying £48 for the day. But organisers



**HAPPY CAPT...**biggest charity pot of £141.25

Simon Purkiss and Martyn West had a nasty trick up their sleeves.

They arranged prizes for the top three-man teams as well as singles, and four nearest pins in a variety of formats—but the nasty sting was a 50p charge every time you landed in a bunker.

Much to the delight of captain Dave O'Brien, it raised £90, which included a staggering 26 bunkers by Charles Wallis, Ralph Chambers and Harry Bracher.



**CHAMPAGN-IONS...** Martyn West, David Grange and Gary Sando show off their champagne after taming the famous Gog Magog.



**BIG HELLO...** Simon Purkiss greets new member Brian Reid who showed his worth with second place, beaten only on countback.

Martyn West has been struggling all year, but he more than made up for it at this Cambridge venue by pulling off a great double.

The 7-handicapper not only won the singles with 36 points (narrowly beating new member Brian Reid on countback) but also topped

the other teams by four pts.

In Martyn's team were Gary Sando and David

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Grainge who claimed third prize individually with 35 points.

Steve Langridge, Graham Beetles and guest John O'Hare were second, beating on countback Harry Bracher, Ralph Chambers and Charles Wallis.

Top guest: John O'Hare who had best score on the day with 37 points.

Nearest pins etc: Michael Barker, Ralph Chambers, Craig Caswell and John O'Hare..

### ROGERED!

**SURPRISE** winner of the **Eclectic** is Roger Bukin who has finished a full two points clear of *Player of the Year* Brian West. Colin Andrews complete the top three money winners.



**Not-so-lucky ticket, goes to money, goes to charity**



**Unable to play in our Xmas Scramble next week, Clive Ackerman (right) generously auctioned his winning ticket for the Captain's charity. Our treasurer and vice-captain Robert Clayton (left) then paid £51 for it—six quid more than the rest of us will be paying!**

#### Top ten:

- 56 points Rodger Bukin
- 54 Brian West
- 53 Colin Andrews
- 52 Terry Fuller, Peter Zimmer-Smith, Peter Waters and Damien Turley
- 51 Dave O'Brien, John McNaughton
- 50 Craig Caswell, Robert Clayton.

#### PAIRS championship.

Graham Beetles and Terry Fuller had to travel 20 minutes north of Peterborough to play the grand final of this Concorde Trophies event—for that's where their opponents course is located.

Peter and Jason Zimmer-Smith, who face that journey

every BGS event, welcomed them to Greetham Valley Lakes and promptly lost the first hole.

"It's is a lovely course," admits Graham, "but I thought we would be on to a good hiding after losing that first hole."

Not so, for the visitors got to 4-up after 10 holes, before giving two back to be two holes up with three to play.

Alas, the home side lost the 16th which spelt 3&2 victory for Terry and Graham..

### WELCOME

...to new member Brian Reid, a 22 handicap member of Cheshunt Golf Club.

Brian, who was introduced by Gary Sando, promptly made his mark by scoring second place at Gog Magog

Our AGM follows the Xmas Scramble at East Herts. **Want to make a proposal?** Then please call or email me beforehand so that your ideas can be added to the Agenda – Stan 01992 586280.

IT'S THE **BIG ONE**... the fun and feasting on festive food and take-home fayre... it's the **CHRISTMAS SCRAMBLE**. Don't miss it.

Not played with us for some while? Then now is the time to get back in the swing! We need your support – and let's face it **you really can't go wrong with four of you having a**



#### go at every shot and putt!

Guests are welcome as usual to join in the thrills and spills of this fun game. It's teams-of-four comprising (near as possible) one low handicap-

per, one high (24+) and two middle men. Every team is therefore more or less level so there are no handicaps – you all play off scratch!

Scoring is *stroke play*, not Stableford. But it's a *scramble* which means you select your best tee shot, then everyone plays from that spot. You do the same even on the putting green. The one exception is when the chosen ball is in the rough or a bunker, in which case you drop the ball in that bunker or rough of course. *Remember, you have to use a minimum three tees from every player though.*

This is our 13th annual Christmas Scramble and to help get you get in festive spirit you'll see the tables laden with Christmas fayre and prizes for all. And thanks to quite a bit of subsidy from our funds, it all comes for the superb price of £45 (guests £49).

It all starts with a handsome breakfast served from 8.30am. We then the get hip flasks ready for 18 holes of fun Texas Scramble, after which it's stoke-up time again... with Xmas dinner.

And we all know what's for afters... the hullaboo of the prizegiving – and the AGM

Merry Christmas.

*Stan*

## IT'S THE BIG XMAS SCRAMBLE

### EAST HERTS GOLF CLUB

Off the A10 at Puckeridge, SG9 9NA

**MONDAY December 8, 2008**

**ENTRIES** via the BGS website (email link) or phone Stan Kelley 01992 586280 or 07702 363611. As always, minimum £20 penalty applies for any cancellations within three days of the event.

**COMPETITION:** 18 holes Texas Scramble, played as a Medal, not Stableford. At least three tee shots must be used from every player.

**TEE TIMES:** 1st and 7th tees reserved from 9.30am.

**COST:** £45 (£49 for guests) includes prizes for everyone, full English breakfast on arrival from 8.30am, and

Christmas Dinner served at 3pm – not forgetting the AGM

**DRESS:** Jacket 'n' BGS tie for dinner. Please advise any guests.

**MOBILE PHONES** not permitted in the clubhouse or on the course.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Entrance is directly on the main A10 (London to Cambridge road) about one mile north of the junction with the A120. If travelling north, following the A120 junction, you quickly come to another roundabout (at Puckeridge), continue straight on for a further 200 yards; entrance is on the left.

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