

# IT'S THE GREAT KNEBWORTH Golf Club



# XMAS SCRAMBLE Monday 9th December

IT'S three cheers time (make that four) for Phil Greenwold.

That's because he cleaned up at Letchworth by winning both the singles and Team events. And a few days either side of that Phil clinched both the McMullen Singles title and the Concorde Trophies Pairs championship.

Playing off a handicap of 8, Phil – his club h/cap is 10 – plundered 39 points at Letchworth to win the **President's Cup**. That was two points clear of nearest rival Sid Platten (winner of Group 2) and three points ahead of Steve Foster (Group 3 winner). Right on their heels were David Grainge 35 points and Robert Pegg 34.

The Team **Crescendo** was almost a forgone conclusion, for Phil Greenwold had alongside him Robert Pegg (making a welcome return after his luckless stint op') and Steve Hickey, who also scored a creditable top 10 place individually.

They amassed 79pts, six clear of runners-up Steve Foster, Colin Andrews and Clive Ackerman who totalled 73pts.

Third with 72pts were Brian West, Nick MacDermott and Dave O'Brien.

Nearest Pins: Hole 2, Rob Clayton; 14th Dan Todd; 17th Phil Greenwold.

## DOUBLE CHAMP

GRAND final of the **Concorde Darts pairs** championship was played at East Herts between Gwyn Ellis and Rob Clayton v

Phil Greenwold and me, Stan Kelley.

WE (I should say Phil Greenwold) were one-up after nine, then at the 10th Phil made it two-up with a birdie.

It stayed that way until the 17th when Gwyn birdied. They

looked set to win the par-3 18th too, for both Rob and Gwyn were really close. I was badly bunkered while Phil was close to out-of-bounds.

It looked like extra holes. However, Phil produced an amazing chip to 18 inches –

while Rob and Gwyn both surprisingly missed their birdie chances.

That made a relieved Phil and I the pairs champs for the second year running.

SEMI-final of the **McMullen's Singles** championship was full of errors, say contenders Phil Greenwold and Clive Ackerman.

"On the front nine I made three fewer errors, so was 3-up," says Phil who didn't par a hole until the 10th. Pars on three of the next four holes clinched Phil's place in the final though.

The grand final was played a few days later – and Phil was back to his

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**IN THE PICTURE...**  
not once but twice - that's Phil Greenwold who won both the **President's Cup** and **Team Crescendo**.

**Above: Sid Platten who generously donated his Group 2 prizemoney to the Captain's charity; Phil displaying the cup; captain Roger, and Group 3 winner-Steve Foster.**

**Right: Top team of Robert Pegg, Phil and Steve Hickey**



## Bag a bargain for Christmas

TWO vouchers for 4-balls will be up for grabs at the Xmas Scramble, plus Phil Greenwold is generously donating a new Seve MD trolley bag.

They are all to be auctioned and the proceeds given to the Captain's charity, which stands at a record £2,122. Let's give a

final boost to the charity. The four-ball vouchers are for **Letchworth** and **St Neots** golf clubs.

The Seve golf bag, from MD Golf, is stacked full of features, including the ever popular 14-way divider for ease of club selection and front facing pockets for

valuable storage space.

It also offers separate putter pit, cool pocket for drinks storage, pen holder, fleece lined jewellery pocket, ball holder and two side grab handles for ease of lifting.

Can't be at Knebworth? Then call me and I will gladly bid on your behalf – Stan.



## HOW'S THIS FOR A SURPRISE EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT...

East Herts wanted to put the price UP by £5, but Knebworth wanted us back, so offered to *reduce* it by £4.

### That's £9 difference!

We're talking about our BIG event of the year – the Xmas Scramble. And that price reduction is about as rare as hens teeth (or should that be turkey?)

Thanks to Knebworth and quite a bit of subsidy from funds, it means members will be paying only £45 (guests £55). And that includes at least £10 of goodies.

NOT played with us lately? Then now's the time to get back in the swing!



Make the effort. We need your support – and let's face it you really can't go wrong being in a team 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 handicapper, one high (20+) and two middle men. Every team is therefore

more or less level so there are no handicaps – you all play off scratch! And scoring is *stroke play*.

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

the rough of course.

*Remember, you have to use a minimum four tee shots from every player though.*

This is our 18th annual Christmas Scramble and to help get you get in festive spirit you'll see the tables laden with Christmas fayre prizes for all.

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 hullabaloo of the prizegiving – and the AGM.

*Merry Christmas.*

Our AGM is being held after the Xmas Scramble at Knebworth. *Want to make a proposal?* Then please call to have it added to the Agenda; new proposals will not be allowed on the day – Call Stan 01992 586280.

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brilliant best against David Grainge.

Phil surged six-up after 10 holes, but David then made an heroic fight back.

He won four of the next six before finally bowing out at the 17th to lose 3&1.

Runner-up last year, Phil will now get his hands on the McMullen trophy at long last.

### SNATCHER GARY

Knocked off his perch by Nick MacDermott last month, Gary Sando finally rules the roost, flying high with 55 points.

Nick has to settle for second place alongside Phil Greenwold whose great score at Letchworth launched him 12 places up the table.

Leaders:

56 points: Gary Sando

55: Nick MacDermott and Phil

Greenwold.

53: Steve Temple, Roger Butcher, Brian West and Dave O'Brien

52: Sid Platten

51: Charles Wallis, Steve Foster, David Grainge, Colin Andrews

50: Michael Bench, Clive Ackerman, Steve Nisbett, Richard Fobbester, Steve Langridge, Damien Turley, Stan Kelley.

### HAD TO BE A FIX!!!



*Dave O'Brien was acting secretary—and demanded his number be called out for the lucky free day. Treasurer Rob Clayton duly obliged. Such collusion must surely attract fines – and shots!*

### PLAYER OF YEAR

*Your best FIVE scores out of eight to count, so you can miss three and still win*

Captain Roger was uncatchable but Phil Greenwold surged 12 places up the *Player of the Year* table to second. Sadly Steve Temple, who was previously second, inexplicably failed to turn up at Letchworth. Nick MacDermott, Gary Sando and Sid Platten all made great finishes.

	A	BP	JoG	LB	CB	TH	SLN	L	Tot
Roger Butcher	17	23	18	25	24	23	9	13	113
Phil Greenwold	7	12	10	0	18	20	21	25	96
Nick MacDermott	20	0	13	20	11	15	18	18	93
Gary Sando	24	0	7	12	1	25	14	17	92
Sid Platten	17	19	1	3	22	9	1	24	91
Steve Temple	0	15	18	22	18	7	18	0	91
Brian West	20	19	11	21	15	4	1	14	89
David Grainge	13	25	18	6	7	0	9	22	87
Dave O'Brien	20	15	7	6	21	0	9	21	86
Steve Foster	13	20	21	6	7	0	1	23	84
Clive Ackerman	4	15	13	0	0	20	13	19	80
Stan Kelley	10	7	4	19	14	20	15	0	78
Colin Andrews	0	12	7	19	25	14	4	7	77
Rich Fobbester	24	0	8	23	7	0	1	12	74
Steve Langridge	14	9	21	16	1	12	1	0	72
Robert Pegg	24	23	0	0	0	0	0	21	68
Chris Ashbolt	17	0	25	16	1	0	0	9	68
Micheal Bench	25	3	0	10	1	0	24	0	63
Damien Turley	7	7	0	9	11	25	9	0	61
Tim Dent	2	7	23	0	18	0	9	0	59



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**Monday December 9, 2013**

**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 four tee shots must be used from every player.

**TEE TIMES:** 1st tee reserved from 9am.

**COST:** £45 (£55 for guests).

Price includes prizes for everyone, full English breakfast on arrival from 8am, Christmas Dinner, plus gratuity, plus the ball sweep/lucky dip for free day at Ashridge next year.

**DRESS:** Jacket 'n' BGS tie for dinner. Please advise guests to be suited and booted.

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

**BUGGIES:** Might be available, but unlikely.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** From the A1(M) – Leave the A1(M) at Junction 7 and follow the signs for the A602. At the second roundabout turn right towards Knebworth on the B197.

Before entering the village at the top of a steep hill, turn right into Deards End Lane, and the golf club is just 50 yards away on the right.