

# IT'S THE GREAT KNEBWORTH Golf Club



# XMAS SCRAMBLE Thursday 1st December

**NINE** handicap Lee Davis set the course alight with a best-ever one-under par gross at Letchworth.

It added up to 46 points and meant Lee claimed the President's Cup with seven points clear of the field.

Lee's card shows he had one bogey and one birdie on the outward nine; then on the back nine had two birdies and one bogey, with all the rest pars... fab-u-lous!

"That was my best-ever score," said Lee who is entering his card for handicap at his club.

Runner-up with 37 points is Steve Foster, who is enjoying an amazing year. It started in March when he won the Spring Plate playing off 23.6.

He was cut three shots for that; then cut another three for winning his group at Old Fold Manor. In July at Bedford & County Steve was cut three more shots for winning Group 3 yet again.

That meant he was now playing off 14.6 at Letchworth. That's a cut of NINE shots, but Steve raised his game yet again to finish second overall – and collect the Group 2 prize this time, plus two more shots off his handicap.

What a player!

Winning the Group 3 prize (h/cap 18 and over) was Bhupi

Patel. He scored 34 points off 19 which also put him third overall.

Top guest: Ray Whitehead 30 pts who's invited by John Silverosa.

Nearest pins: 14th Tim Taylor; 17th Steve (Trigger) Hickey.

## DÉJÀ VU

SEMI-FINAL of the McMullen Singles championship was a case of déjà vu, for it was a repeat of last year – me (Stan Kelley) v. Nick MacDermott. The only difference was that I was the "home" player.

We therefore played at EsSENDON (my course) instead of Toot Hill. But we were once again all square standing on the 18th tee – and once again the result was all down to a bad tee shot.

Last year I suffered a hooked tee shot into trees, which cost me the match. But this time it was Nick who lost, thanks to a hooked tee shot.

## WALKOVER

Alas, the other long overdue semi final was never played. Mick Rose gave Steve Temple a walkover, who then handed the walkover back be-

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21/12/16										Handicap	Strokes	Net	Points	Net Points	Par	SSS	Net SSS
Player A										9					71	72	
Player B															71	70	
Player C															72	73	
Player D																	
Hole	Medal	Tees	Yards	Par	Strokes	Net	Points	Net Points	Par	SSS	Net SSS	Net Points	Net Points	Net Points	Par	SSS	Net SSS
1	288	272	4	16	4							246	4	10			
2	196	186	3	12	3							186	3	1			
3	408	400	4	4	4							374	4	1			
4	384	366	4	16	4							326	4	5			
5	359	354	4	18	4							336	4	13			
6	420	409	4	2	5							397	5	17			
7	565	513	5	14	4							498	5	3			
8	198	172	3	8	3							160	3	7			
9	350	332	4	10	4							311	4	11			
	3168	3004	35	OUT								2834	36				
REMEMBER TO REPLACE DIVOTS, REPAIR PITCH MARKS & AVOID SLOW PLAY																	
10	401	386	4	11	3							351	4	10			
11	372	360	4	5	4							328	4	4			
12	492	472	5	17	5							427	5	16			
13	374	365	4	3	4							322	4	2			
14	168	148	3	13	3							132	3	18			
15	374	326	4	1	4							257	4	14			
16	480	458	5	15	4							424	5	6			
17	186	172	3	7	4							132	3	8			
18	444	413	4	9	4							352	4	12			
	3291	3100	36	IN								2725	36				
	3168	3004	35	OUT								2834	36				
	6459	6104	71	TOTAL								5559	72				
NETT RESULT																	
HANDICAP																	
NETT																	
Holes Won																	
Holes Lost																	

**WHAT A CARD...** yes, Lee Davis really does have something to smile about – his best-ever score of one-under-par gross. That's Lee presenting the President's Cup – and that's his card (above), a gross score of 70, or 46 points off his handicap of 9. What a card!

## MICK'S TIED UP!

Captain Colin introduced Mick Rose in the time honoured manner by presenting him with our BGS, a round of applause



cause he couldn't play due to a bad neck.

It was then agreed that Mick Rose could play Steve Langridge in our event at Letchworth. But that was thwarted because Steve Turned up without his clubs – and Mick wasn't prepared to hang around for an hour for Steve to return.

Mick was unable to find another day free anytime soon, so wouldn't have been able to play the final.

That put Steve Langridge into the final – against me (Stan).

Steve had the luck of the draw this time, at this Mill

Green course, on Tuesday November 8.

It was to prove as tight as they get, for there was never more than one hole in it.

Alas my putter was as cold as the weather – with three putting proving to be my downfall.

Steve went ahead for the first time on the 14th when I found the water, but I got it back again two holes later.

It was still all square after 18, but I handed the title to Steve when I missed an 18ins putt on the 20th.

Highlight of the match has to be Steve's bunker play, for he

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## PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Your best FIVE scores out of eight to count, so you can miss three events

	Gog	Ash	SB	Old	Bed	B&C	BS	L	Total
Steve Langridge	24	25	24	0	25	25	13	12	123
Steve Foster	22	21	13	24	24	1	7	24	115
Robert Clayton	4	21	11	24	21	11	25	3	102
John Silverosa	25	22	17	0	0	19	17	12	100
Sid Platten	24	9	17	11	0	19	22	16	98
Roger Butcher	15	8	21	20	21	8	0	13	90
Suru Madhvari	0	14	4	11	21	0	25	19	90
Clive Ackerman	15	14	0	0	24	23	0	12	88
Colin Andrews	8	17	11	25	0	19	10	16	88
Dave O'Brien	1	1	17	19	21	0	25	6	88
David Grainge	8	5	0	11	21	21	10	22	85
Bhupi Patel	0	14	24	18	3	0	3	23	82
Tim Taylor	12	21	13	0	9	14	3	22	82
Nick MacDermott	10	14	21	13	8	8	22	0	80
Michael Millen	0	5	11	4	21	2	22	19	78
Ted Platten	1	8	2	15	5	19	22	4	69
Stan Kelley	22	24	1	7	0	3	5	7	65
Simon Purkiss	0	0	0	0	21	19	0	22	62
Lee Davis	17	0	19	0	0	0	0	25	61
Gwyn Ellis	0	17	19	22	0	0	0	0	58
Solly Khosravi	0	24	0	16	0	0	17	0	57
Steve Temple	10	0	11	5	7	24	1	0	57
Charles Wallis	1	1	17	13	0	21	0	0	53
Steve Nisbett	0	0	4	18	21	2	1	5	50
Gary Sando	6	5	11	17	8	7	8	12	49
Tim Dent	15	0	0	0	21	0	12	0	48
Steve Hickey	4	0	25	0	0	0	12	3	44

# NOT TO BE MISSED - OUR GREAT CHRISTMAS SCRAMBLE

FULL ENGLISH BREAK-FAST, golf and Xmas Dinner, plus loads of prize goodies – and all for a fantastic bargain price.

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

Thanks to Knebworth and quite a bit of subsidy from funds, it means members will be paying only £47 (guests £57). 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 20th annual Christmas Scramble and to help get you get in the festive spirit you'll see the tables laden with Christmas fayre and 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 you stoke-up again... with Xmas dinner.

And we all know what's for afterwards... the hullabaloo of the prizegiving.

*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.

## THAT'S THE TICKET...

*Something to smile about? That'll be Steve Hickey who had the winning ticket for a free day next venue – our Xmas Scramble*



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got up and down at least three times.

That's what's you call 'worthy of a champion'.

### TRIPLE CHAMP?

ALREADY **Player of the Year** and **McMullen Singles** champion, Steve

Langridge's final hurdle is the much delayed **Concorde Trophies Pairs** championship.

Steve partners Ken Gordon in the final against new boy Sean Reilly and Dave O'Brien, on Tuesday November 22 at neutral Essendon.



**WINNERS ALL.. Bhupi Patel (Group 3), Steve Foster (Gp 2) and cup winner Lee Davis (Gp 1)**



# IT'S THE BIG XMAS SCRAMBLE



Deards End Lane, Knebworth, SG3 6NL. Pro Shop: 01438 812757

## Thursday December 1st, 2016

**ENTRIES** via the BGS website (via an email link) or phone Stan Kelley 01992 586280 or 07702 363611. As always, a 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 9.30am.

**COST:** £47 (£57 for guests). Price includes a **hefty £10 subsidy** plus prizes for everyone, full English breakfast from 8.30am, 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 along on the right.

## ECLECTIC TIE

Captain Colin Andrews tied for third place last year, but this time he's gone joint top for the **Eclectic** £60 prize, – and we have a three-way tie for third.

Leaders:

55pts Colin Andrews and Mick Millen

54 Steve Hickey, Steve Langridge and Bhupi Patel

53 Steve Foster and Suru Maldhavi

52 Tim Taylor

51 Gary Sando, Stan Kelley, Nick Macdermott and Sid Platten

50 Ted Platten

49 Clive Ackerman, Robert Clayton, David Grainge and Dave O'Brien

## TWO SHOTS FOR WRONG TEE

YOU'RE allowed two club lengths back from the tee, that's all. **Anywhere** else it's two-shot penalty. But not so in match play.

Start from the wrong tee then your opponent(s) can only ask you to tee off again from the proper place.

There is no penalty. But if it was a bad shot then your opponent(s) would obviously say: "Don't bother teeing off again."

*Stan*