



Captain:
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Final meeting:
Xmas
Scramble at
EAST
HERTS
Golf Club

Thursday
8th December

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WE ALL PLAY



OFF SCRATCH



YES, every team plays off scratch in the big Turkey Trot (see overleaf). But at our last outing Simon Purkiss played to level par all by himself!!!

Playing off 7, Simon scored 42 points on the famous **Gog Magog** old course.

He also clinched the near-pin prize (and birdied it for good meas-

ALL YOURS? The golf's good too. This delightful seaside cottage in Ireland could be yours for a week. See Back Page.

ure) and also went on to complete the hat-trick of prizes by lifting the team prize – plus a sleeve of balls.

That fab individual performance was four points clear of the field. Tim Dent and Dave O'Brien both recorded 38 points, but Dave missed out while Tim collected the Group 2 prize. But Charles Wallis needed only 33 points to claim the Group 3 prize.

Simon Purkiss's winning team included last year's captain Brian West and new boy Nick

CAPT
HITS £540

Captain David is delighted to announce that his charity fund has reached £540 so far...

MacDermott who tottalled 79 points.

The team event was a testing "crescendo" in which the best Stableford score went on the card for the first six holes (including at least one score by every team member). Two scores were required for the next six holes, while all three scores counted for holes 13-18.

Simon's trio finished two points clear of three teams on 77 points.

Terry Fuller, Tim Dent and Colin Andrews were second on count-back, followed by Dave O'Brien, Steve Temple and Robert Clayton.

The third 77-pointer – just missing out on the prizes – was Craig Caswell, Sid Platten and me Stan Kelley (aaahhh!)

LIKE A SPONGE

Finally, a word about the Gog Magog course.

It had been raining all night and for two days. The rain stopped only minutes before our 10.30am start, yet the course played as if we'd only had a light shower. Superb.

CRAIG CRUISES THE ECLECTIC

Craig Caswell had clinched the 2011 Eclectic with 57 points – just one point ahead of joint runners-up Roger

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TEAM TRIUMPH... Simon Purkiss, Nick MacDermott and Brian West receive plenty to toast with from captain David after winning the team event.



HOLDING FOLDING... With cash in hand at Gog Magog, the three Group winners from L-R Tim Dent, Simon Purkiss and Charles Wallis

GOLF
TRUISMS

No matter how bad you are playing, it is always possible to play worse.

Our AGM is being held after the Xmas Scramble at East Herts. **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.

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 being in a team with **four** of you having a go at every shot and putt!

We're talking about the BIG event of the year... the fun and feasting on festive food and bags of take-home fayre (prizes)...

It's the XMAS SCRAMBLE.

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 (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 four tee shots from every player though.*

This is our 15th annual Christmas Scramble and to help get you get in festive spirit you'll see the tables laden with Christmas fayre prizes for all. And thanks to quite a bit of subsidy from our funds, it all comes for the superb price of £45 (guests £50).

It all starts with a handsome breakfast served from 8.30am. We then 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, when you get a chance to welcome your new captain.

Merry Christmas.

NICE XMAS PREZZIE...

Just short of his 2010 Gog Magog win, Sid Platten was still delighted at winning the free ticket for our Xmas Scramble.



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Butcher, Damien Turley and Brian West.

On 55 points were Charles Wallis and Richard Fobbester.

CHARLES QUILTS

Charles, who has served us superbly well for a decade, as both assistant secretary and assistant treasurer, has announced that he needs to retire.

"I'm 77 and now finding that it's getting too much for me," says Charles.

But that means we are looking for TWO new people at the 'Election of Officers'.

TROPHIES for the Pairs and Singles champions, plus 'Player of the Year' are to be presented at our Xmas event

DAVE'S GENEROUS HOLIDAY PRIZE FOR CAPTAIN'S CHARITY



FANCY a great holiday on the Southern coast of Ireland?

Well, here's your chance. We've got a week's stay in a delightful cottage to auction for charity – not any old charity but Captain David Grainge's charity.

The three bedroomed cottage is being generously donated Dave O'Brien (that's him pictured on the front page in front of the cottage). And our picture above shows its superb location overlooking the southernmost point of Cork.

"We've got golf courses galore," says Dave, "with prices from 22 Euros to 35 Euros – and that includes a lovely inland links which is great value."

The auction takes place at our Xmas Scramble. Can't be there? Then leave a bid with your secretary – Call me right now!

Stan

IT'S THE BIG XMAS SCRAMBLE



Hamels Park, Buntingford, *SG9 9NA. Tel: 01920 821978

THURSDAY December 8, 2011

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 and 7th tees reserved from 10am.

COST: £45 (£55 for guests). Price includes prizes for everyone, full English breakfast on arrival from 9am, Christmas Dinner and 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: Not normally available in December.

HOW TO GET THERE: Hamels Park is situated on the northbound carriageway of the A10 between Puckeridge and Buntingford.

★ Please be aware that the East Herts post code, SG9 9NA, is shared with Hamels Mansion. The golf club is reached through the entrance between two lodges on the left, 500 yards north of the A10/B1368 roundabout BEFORE Hamels Mansion.

Don't miss out... members get Xmas subsidy of at least £10