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Next meeting:
MID HERTS
Thursday
June 12

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MID HERTS

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WALDEN**

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August 13
CANONS BROOK

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TOOT HILL

Wednesday
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LETCHWORTH



THAT'LL DO NICELY, JAMES... Five times Open champion James Braid laid out the Mid Herts course – our next venue – and his trade mark feature is pictured above. Any idea what that might be? See Back Page to find out if you're right.

WET, WET, WET!

NO, that's not the pop group, but merely sums up our golf at John O'Gaunt – so much so that three players couldn't stay for the dinner.

Why? That's because they were so wet after the morning round that they changed into the clothing that they had brought for the evening. That too got soaked so there was

nothing for it but to make their car seats wet rather than the dining chairs.

Needless to say the scoring was pretty dismal.

Just 23 points was

enough to win the top prize in Group Three (handicaps 18 and over) for the main afternoon event.

It was claimed by Steve Temple, while 29 points earned David Grainge the Group Two prize, with Roger Butcher topping Group One (0-11 handicap) and clinching the Eric Attfield Cup.

Harry Bracher just missed out with 29.

Top guest was Daniel Deveney with 26 points.

Nearest pins: Ken Gordon and Harry Bracher.

The morning results proved rather better with just *three* clubs, for Phil Houston won the **Three Club trophy** with 22 points on the Carthage course.

There were four players battling for second place on 19 points: Dave O'Brien, Stephen Hickey and Stephen champion and captain Richard Fobbester.

LOOK UP WEB

All the results are on the website: www.bengeogolfsociety.org.uk

SHOCK KO

SO far there has been a disappointing take-up for the Singles and Pairs KOs, for only one result has been recorded.

That was David and Tom Grainge surprisingly defeating one of the favourites – Steve Langridge and Clive



TOUGH LUCK... They all get cut for winning, yet none played to their handicap – David Grainge, Roger Butcher receiving the Attfield trophy from captain Richard, and Group 3 winner Steve Temple.



THREE'S ENOUGH... As always, most played better with three clubs – as proved by Phil Houston, sporting the new Three Club Trophy (generously paid for by captain Richard Fobbester), plus runners-up Dave O'Brien and Steve Hickey.

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Ackerman.

It was played at Nazeing (where Clive is captain). In a hard fought front nine Tom and Clive scored 20 points apiece – and thanks to several unlucky lip outs by Roger he and Clive were three down at the turn.

The back nine was similar with Roger again lipping out more than once with long putts that looked in! A half on 15 gave the vis-

itors a surprising 4&3 win.

OVER £600

THE captain's charity already tops £630, thanks to generous "fines" contributions from members.

Captain Richard was also delighted to secure a four-ball ticket from John O'Gaunt, which will be actioned for the charity later in the year.

PICTURE PUZZLE

WELL, did you know? The answer was

at the foot of the picture... heather.

Heather is the trademark of any James Braid course – unless it's been allowed to die off. But in a time when transport was largely by train, boats and horse 'n' cart, James Braid designed and built an amazing number of courses.

James Braid also has an amazing golfing record. Along with Harry Vardon and J.H. Taylor, Braid formed Britain's "Great Triumvirate" of early 20th-century golfers.

Born 1870 in Fife, Scotland, Braid won the Open Championship five times, but it could have been a lot more had it not been for poor putting.

Braid turned pro in 1896. His play prior to the turn of the century was marked by long driving but inconsis-



Caricature of James Braid. The original hangs at Walton Heath

tent putting. While Vardon and Taylor were already winning Opens, it was not until 1900 that Braid broke through – by switching to an aluminium headed putter. By 1910 he'd won the Open five times.

By 1911 Braid had also won the British Professional Match Play four times and the French Open.

But he retired from competitive golf in 1912, joining Walton Heath as its club professional. He remained at Walton Heath until his death in 1950.

Braid was also founder member of the PGA. But his great passion after his retirement was course design. He designed or re-designed more than 200 courses around Britain.

His legacy includes Carnoustie, Troon,

PLAYER OF YEAR

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

CAPTAIN Richard already has been overhauled by Michael Bench and Steve Langridge, who are tied at the top on 55 points.

Remember, if you've had a poor score then there's plenty of time to catch up, for you drop your three worst scores.

Top 20:

	Gog	Ash	JoG	Tot
Michael Bench	16	25	14	55
Steve Langridge	25	12	18	55
Richard Fobbestor	24	21	9	54
Stan Kelley	6	24	22	52
Steve Temple	21	16	14	51
Sid Platten	16	19	14	49
Clive Ackerman	24	8	14	46
David Grainger	19	1	24	44
Roger Butcher	17	1	25	43
Robert Clayton	21	4	14	39
Phil Houston	16	1	21	38
Phil Greenwood	0	19	18	37
Harry Bracher	0	12	24	36
Nick MacDermott	13	23	0	36
Gary Sando	2	12	18	32
Joe McGuire	24	4	0	28
Dave O'Brien	1	16	9	26
Colin Andrews	2	1	21	24
Charles Wallis	19	4	1	24
Simon Light	0	23	0	23

Prestwick and Gleneagles, plus of course Mid Herts. And his trademark on all of them is harks back to his Scottish roots – heather.

Stan



WELCOME... Captain Richard welcomes two new members who signed up at John O'Gaunt. They are Daniel Deveney, a member of Broxbourne and Michael Millen – both introduced on a very wet day by Gary Sando.

MID HERTS GOLF CLUB

Lower Gustard Wood, Lamer Lane, Wheathampstead, AL4 8RS

Thursday June 12

**Pro: Barney Puttick
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ENTRIES seven days in advance please. Book to play via the Bengeo website (see Page 1) or phone Stan Kelley 01992 586280 or 07702 363611

Cancellation rule: Minimum £20 penalty (full cost at some courses) for cancellations within 3 days of event

COMPETITIONS: Morning: 9 holes playing for the **GREENSOME CUP** (holders: Brian West and Mike Bench).

Afternoon: 18 holes Singles Stableford for the **DENNIS SANDO CUP** (holder: Roger Butcher).

MEET from 9am for coffee and bacon rolls. First tee reserved from

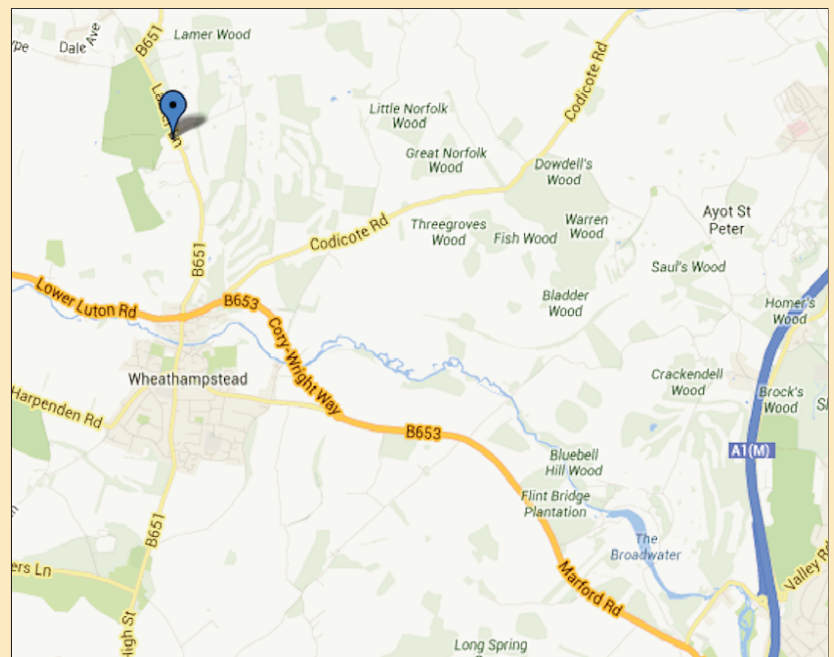
10am and again at 1pm. Play from the yellow markers.

COST: £70 includes prizes both morning and afternoon, coffee and bacon rolls on arrival; lunch; dinner (vegetarians please advise). The price even includes ball sweep and Eclectic, plus the gratuities for waitress service.

DRESS: Shorts should be full length and worn with either full knee-length socks or short white socks. Jackets 'n' BGS ties are a must for dinner as usual.

MOBILE phones permitted only in the car park).

BUGGIES. £25 per



round or £30 for 27 holes.

HOW TO GET THERE: Take the Lower Luton

Road (as if going to Luton Airport), but soon as you reach the roundabout for

Wheathampstead, turn right and you bump it to the golf course.