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*CAMERA SHY... Richard tees up for his drive-in but turns to take out the cameramen. Ouch! That's me, Stan*

MOST courses were closed for much of the winter, but Gog Magog was rained off for just one day – and that's because no one wanted to go out in torrential rain!

But not only was the sun shining for captain Richard Fobbester's drive-in, Gog Magog was so dry that divots were barely damp enough to nit.

Richard got off to a great start – and even had the cheek to get among the top three prizes.

He rattled in 32 points to win Group 3 (h/cap 19+) so gets cut three shots to 21.2.

The same 32 points saw Clive Ackerman top Group



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2 (h/caps 12-18), but clinching the **Spring Plate** trophy was Steve Langridge – the only man to play to his handicap.

Playing off 12 Steve rattled in 36 points to top Group 1 (0-12). He'll also be cut of course.

Top guest was a visitor from Germany, (guest of Dave O'Brien) Uli Kloecker who scored 34 points off 14.

Nearest pins: 9th-David Grainge and 13th Roger Butcher.

### BGS WEBSITE

HANDICAP correct? Please check that we've got it right by looking up the website: [www.bengeogolfsociety.org.uk](http://www.bengeogolfsociety.org.uk)

You can also see all the results, draw for Knock-outs, plus the line-up of events for rest of the season, complete with links to all the clubs.

It's all thanks to our website wizkid Phil Huston.

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### GENEROUS

CAPTAIN Richard was absolutely delighted with £203 collected at Gog Magog for his charity.

The figure was boosted by Mill Green and Nazeing captains Ken Gordon and Clive Ackerman donating their "courtesy green fee".

**OUR NEXT MEETING..**



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## Walking in the footsteps of Royalty

SET amongst thousands of acres of National Trust woodland, Ashridge features among the top 100 courses in the UK.

There's a bit of history attached to almost every hole. Bernard Darwin wrote: "The romantic and traditional names have not been lost..."

*Witchcraft Bottom,  
Nobs Crook,  
Thunderbell,  
Highwayman's Hide  
and Princess Riding."*

Princess Riding now named



'Queen Elizabeth's Drive' – it's the 13th – a long avenue with a stately monument at the end of it. (See the tee plate above).

We'll be favoured with two start tees yet again on Monday March 31 – and Ashridge boasts: **We never have temporary greens or temporary tees.**

## ASHRIDGE MONDAY MARCH 31

Little Gaddesden, Berkhamsted, HP4 1LY Pro: Peter Cherry 01442 842307



**PICTURESQUE...National Trust woodland, bags of wildlife, including herds of deer.**

**ENTRIES** at least seven days in advance of the event please. Email via the website or ring Stan Kelley on 01992 586280 (*Mobile 07702 363611*)

**Cancellation rule:** Minimum £20 penalty (full cost at some courses) for cancelling within three days of event (be sure to advise guests).

**COMPETITION:** 18 holes Singles Stableford playing for the **Bill Manton Cup** (holder: *David Grainge*).

**TEE TIMES:** 8.30am from **two** start tees. Play from yellow tees as usual.

**COST:** We are **subsidising the price** to make it cheaper. £75 to members (£80 guests) includes

cost of prizes, ball sweep, Eclectic, plus tips. It also includes coffee and bacon rolls from 7.45am, plus the famous **four-course** luncheon.

**MESSAGES** may be left at the Pro Shop.

**BUGGIES/TROLLEYS:** No buggies available but trolleys are there for hire.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** From M25 – Leave at exit 20, take the A41 (dual carriageway) towards Aylesbury.

Leave A41 at the Chesham exit A416. Follow signs to Berkhamsted. At traffic lights on junction with Berkhamsted High Street turn left. After a mile or so you reach Northchurch. Turn

right by School and Church onto B4506 (called New Road) sign posted Ashridge. After approximately 3 miles, Club is on the right hand side.

**From M1** Exit 8 and go straight across all roundabouts until reaching the 'magic roundabout' in centre of Hemel Hempstead. Turn right around roundabout and take the A4146 to Leighton Buzzard. Stay on this road for about 7 miles, going over narrow bridge at Water End, until reaching mini-roundabout at Dagnall. Turn left onto B4506. Up the hill into Ringshall and Club entrance is sign-posted about 1/2 mile further on left. Follow private road to clubhouse and car park.



**TOP BOYS... Captain Richard (left) makes his first presentation – the Spring Plate to Steve Langridge. Clive Ackerman topped Group 2, while Richard enjoyed the Group 3 wine**



### IT'S A KNOCKOUT!

Draw for the **SINGLES and PAIRS** knockout championships will take place at Ashridge on Monday March 31. So if you haven't done so already then get your entry in fast.

The last few entries will be taken at Ashridge, but make life easier for yourself (and me) by entering **right now** – either by emailing or phoning Stan Kelley on 01992 586280 or 07702 363611.

*Need a Pairs partner? Then let me know because I already have a man on the waiting list.*

The entry fee is a nominal £1 per head for each event. All the **Rules Of Play** will be on [www.bengeogolfsociety.org.uk](http://www.bengeogolfsociety.org.uk) together with the draw.



### GUESS RIGHT?

YES it was Charles of course, pictured above but minus those pinkies. Many would say that he wore them just to get fined – for charity of course.

*Stan*