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**Captain:  
ROGER  
BUTCHER**

**Next meeting:  
LETCWORTH  
GOLF CLUB  
Wednesday  
November 6**

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**FIXTURES  
2013**

**Wednesday  
Nov 6  
LETCWORTH**

**Monday  
December 9  
KNEBWORTH**



**GLASS ACT...** Roger Butcher celebrated his captain's day with commemorative decanters, beautifully engraved (left) for Michael Bench, first-ever victory man Tony Sando, Phil Greenwold and Steve Nisbett. Guest winner, see Back Page.

WE were all winners on Captain's day, for Roger Butcher generously celebrated with beautifully engraved hand cut lead crystal glassware for the top boys, plus sleeves of balls all round.

To cap it all, capt Roger arranged for the BGS logo and Captain's Day legend to be engraved on the glassware and specially printed on the balls.

They were certainly a delightful surprise, but there was a shock in store – for the winner was a rank outsider, Tony Sando.

Tony has never managed to play anywhere near his handicap, but he surprised

himself by taming the St Neots course with a splendid 37 points.

"That's the first time I've ever won anything," Said Tony afterwards, so winning Captain's Day is really rather special."

Tony would normally have won the Group 3 prize (handicaps 19+) but the captain arranged for additional glassware for the overall winner.

That meant "runner-up" Michael Bench was awarded the Group 3 prize for his score of 36 points.

36 points made Steve Nisbett the winner of Group 2 (handicaps 12-18). And there was another dead heat (35 points) for Group 1, with Phil Greenwold claiming the award on countback over Phil Houston.

Top guest (with

Dave O'Brien): Dave Jolly on 37 points.

The morning game of Crescendo saw a scorching score of 60 points recorded by Steve Langridge, Suru Madhvani, Bhupi Patel and Babu Madhvani.

Runners-up with 57 points: Sid Platten, Steve Hickey, Gary Sando, Dave Fitzmaurice (G).

Being Captain's Day there was also a bonus 'Yellow Ball' contest. This called for the four-man teams to take it in turns to play the Yellow Ball – the winners being David Grainge, Andy Alexander, Damien Turley and Stan Kelley who totalled 19 stableford points.

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**MILLERS MAGIC...** Roger's sporting his own 'BGS Captain 2013' blazer badge. And here he lines up with the winning team – Babu Madhavani, Steve Langridge, Suru Madhavani and Bhupi Patel – all from Millers Green.



## CHARITY TOPS £2,000

Captain's Day at St Neots raised an amazing £1,200 for charity.

The usual fines raised £170, while a TaylorMade driver, which was generously donated by Sid Platten, was auctioned for £100.

But the big money spinner was all thanks to captain Roger persuading club secretaries to give us tickets for 4-balls at their courses.

It all added up to £1,200 which boosts the total to £2,022 so far this season.

## ECLECTIC

Previous leader Gary Sando remains on 54, but Nick MacDermott has now stormed into the lead of the Eclectic.

Dave O'Brien and Steve Temple have also moved up to joint third place alongside Brian West. Top 10:

- 55 points: Nick McDermott
- 54: Gary Sando
- 53: Brian West, Steve Temple and Dave O'Brien.
- 52: Roger Butcher
- 51: Sid Platten, Colin Andrews and Charles Wallis.
- 50: Michael Bench, Stan Kelley, Steve Langridge and Richard Fobbester.

## SCRATCH BOY

PHIL Greenwold's one over par gross while beating Tim Dent at Mill Green (see last month's newsletter) was no fluke, for he went one better



**OVERJOYED...** that's Dave Jolly, receiving the top guest prize from Captain Roger. Playing off 15, Dave scored 37 pts

## in the Concorde Darts Pairs.

Opponents Steve Temple and Colin Andrews elected to play at Essendon (Stan Kelley's new club). But with Phil as my partner, all I did was to simply show him the way around a course he'd never seen before.

10-handicapper Phil went around in level par, to beat shell-shocked Colin and Steve 5&4.

With the advantage of a 'home' draw at Nazeing,

Clive Ackerman and Captain Roger Butcher had to be the team to beat in the Pairs championship.

But beaten they were – 2&1 by Robert Clayton and hot Gwyn Ellis who fired no fewer than four birdies.

## CABBIE'S TIP

ESSENDON Country Club has to be "the best course I've played" said David Grainge after playing me (Stan) in the semi-finals of the **McMullen Singles** championship.

## PLAYER OF YEAR

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

With one event still to be played, Captain Roger is already our *Player of the Year*. His lead is so big theta he cannot now be caught. But Steve Temple has leapfrogged into second place on 91 points – still 18 behind Roger

	A	BP	JG	LB	C	TH	SUN	Tot
Roger Butcher	17	23	18	25	24	23	9	113
Brian West	20	19	11	21	15	4	1	86
Steve Temple	0	15	18	22	18	7	18	91
Nick MacDermott	20	0	13	20	11	15	18	86
Colin Andrews	0	12	7	19	25	14	4	77
Steve Langridge	14	9	21	16	1	12	1	72
Sid Platten	17	19	1	3	22	9	1	70
Stan Kelley	10	7	4	19	14	20	15	78
David Grainge	13	25	18	6	7	0	9	72
Gary Sando	24	0	7	12	1	25	14	82
Dave O'Brien	20	15	7	6	21	0	9	72
Steve Foster	13	20	21	6	7	0	1	67
Phil Greenwold	7	12	10	0	18	20	21	81
Rich Fobbester	24	0	8	23	7	0	1	63
Michael Bench	25	3	0	10	1	0	24	63
Chris Ashbolt	17	0	25	16	01	0	0	59
Damien Turley	7	7	0	9	11	25	9	61
Clive Ackerman	4	15	13	0	0	20	13	65
Tim Dent	2	7	23	0	18	0	9	59
Gwyn Ellis	24	19	0	0	0	0	13	56

Essendon has undergone some huge changes since London's biggest cab owner, John Griffin, bought the two courses from the Japanese early this year.

But 12-handicapper David might of course have been influenced by the fact that he played the New Course to level par from the 6th hole.

Not surprisingly he thrashed me 4&3, adding: "If only I lived a bit nearer then I'd join Essendon like a shot."

*Stan*

# LETCWORTH GARDEN CITY

Letchworth Lane, Letchworth Garden City, Herts SG6 3NQ

**Wednesday Nov 6**

**Pro shop: 01462 682713**

**ENTRIES:** Register to play via Assistant Secretary **Dave O'Brien** on 07880 551311 or email David on davidob1@hotmail.com.

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

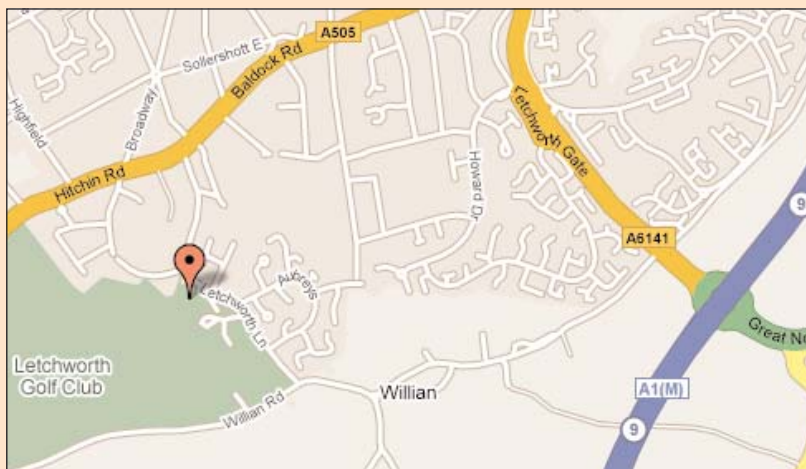
**COMPETITIONS:** 18 holes Singles Stableford, playing for the President's Cup (holder: Sid Platten), combined with three-

ball Team event.

Team event comprises low, middle and high handicaps. Best score first six holes; best two scores for next six, then all three scores for final six holes.

**TEE times:** 8.30am from the 1st tee.

**COST:** £45 inclusive of tea/coffee and bacon roll on arrival, and two-course luncheon. Price inclusive of prize table, waitress gratuity, Eclectic and Ball Sweep.



**BUGGIES.** Four available, cost £24. Check with Dave O'Brien if you need to share.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** A1 Junction 9. Don't go to Letchworth, but turn

sharp left to Willan Village for mile. Shortly past Guyfield Care Home TURN RIGHT into Letchworth Lane. Entrance is on left AFTER Letchworth

Hall Hotel.

**MOBILE PHONES:** Total ban. Use only in car park.

**DRESS:** Jacket and your BGS tie for lunch.