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Next meeting:
CAPTAIN'S
DAY

Thursday
June 8 at
Welwyn
Garden City

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT... All three pictured tied on 36 points, but Gwyn Ellis claimed the Eric Attfield trophy from captain Clive. Simon Purkiss is pictured left, while making a meal of his prize is Steve Temple.

THE really big surprise at South Beds was captain Clive finishing a costly second from last.

You will recall that Clive was top dog at Ashridge last month, so

all 40 players had to cough up £1 for his charity. But this time he had to pay £1 for everyone who beat him.

However that was not so costly as it might have been, for we had a poorest turnout ever of

just 19 players for the South Beds venue.

The day began with the **Three Club trophy**, which was claimed by Mick Millen who scored 18 points for the nine holes. But, as usual, most of us scored worse with a full set of clubs.

Simon Purkiss was one exception, for he was runner-up with 17 points – and was joint first in the afternoon.

Top guest, also with 17 points, was Dave O'Brien's invite Dave Jolly.

South Beds looks to be easy, but clearly isn't, for despite perfect weather conditions, no one beat their handicap. But we did have three players tied on 36 points for the **Eric Attfield trophy**.

Separated on count-back, they were led by Gwyn Ellis (off 6), followed by Steve Temple (off 20) and 5-handicap Simon Purkiss.

Nearest pins: Simon Purkiss on the 12th, but no one managed to stay on the 17th green.

Finally, so what was Captain Clive's expensive score: just 26 pts, which compares to 41 points at Ashridge.

Who would have thought it?



THREE'S ENOUGH... Mick Millen proved that three clubs are better than a full set. And Mick's presented with the Three Club trophy to prove it – 18 points from the nine holes.

14 players in Eclectic 40s

ECLECTIC leaderboard after the first three events puts Dave O'Brien three points clear of the field

1. DAVE O'BRIEN	52
2. GWYN ELLIS.	49
3. CLIVE ACKERMAN	48
4. KEN GORDON.	46
5. TIM DENT.	45
5. STEVE LANGRIDGE	45
7. STEVE FOSTER.	44
7. ROGER BUTCHER	44
7. TED PLATTEN.	44
10. STAN KELLEY.	43
10. SID PLATTEN.	43
12. MICK MILLEN.	41
12. ROB CLAYTON.	41
12. GARY SANDO.	41
15. RAY WHITEHEAD.	40
16. TOM TAYLOR.	39
16. PETER LACEY.	39
18. TOM BRACHER.	38
19. CHARLES WALLIS.	37
19. DAVID GRAINGE.	37
21. BOB PEGG.	36
22. BHUPI PATEL.	35
23. NICK MacDERMOTT	34
23. STEVE CAMPBELL.	34

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CAPTAIN'S DAY



TOUGH FINISH... Par-3 18th in the shadow of the Clubhouse

at WELWYN GARDEN CITY

Mannicotts, High Oaks Road, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 7BP

Pro: 01707 325525

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: Morning: 9 holes of 'Crescendo': It's played in teams of four; first three holes you record the best

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2 stableford scores; next three holes it's your best 3 scores; last three holes it's all 4 scores to count.

Afternoon: 18 holes Stableford playing for the **CAPTAIN'S CUP** (holder: Robert Clayton).

TEE TIMES: 1st reserved from 9.30am and 12.30pm. Play from the Yellow tees.

COST: Bacon rolls and coffee on arrival, lunch and 2-course

dinner, raffle, waitress gratuity, Eclectic and 27 holes of golf, plus **Captain's prizes** – all £75.

MOBILE PHONES not allowed anywhere – except in the changing room or car park.

DRESS: Tailored knee-length shorts with knee-length socks or white short socks are allowed.

MESSAGES may be left at the Pro Shop.

BUGGIES/TROLLEYS: Cost is £25 per round but **book through Stan and it's only £20.**

HOW TO GET THERE: From the North: Leave the A1(M) at Junction 6 for Welwyn Garden City (A1000) and Welwyn (A656) then follow the B197 towards Stanborough.

Go past the Red Lion pub, and at the roundabout at the bottom of the hill turn left into Valley Road (B195). Take the first left into High Oaks Road then first left into Mannicotts.

Q: In stroke play, Alan's ball lies in a bunker. He touches the sand on his backswing. **What is the ruling?**



A: He incurs a two-stroke penalty (Rule 13-4). Before making a stroke at a ball in a hazard (i.e. a bunker or water hazard) you must not touch the ground in the hazard with your club. The backswing is NOT part of the "stroke".

Stan

When a scythe could win or lose a match – official
(What would the R&A make if this?)

It is interesting to note how times have changed since the early 1920's at Welwyn Garden City Golf Club.

The club was formed in 1923 as a nine-hole course. Golfers would play armed with a few irons, a niblick and a scythe.

But why a scythe?

Well, a local rule had been introduced which stated that when a ball was

believed to lie on the fairway, the grass around the ball was permitted to be scythed until the ball came into sight!

There was also a maximum allowance of 12 golf balls per player and the game was deemed to have been finished when all 12 had been lost. (What would the Royal & Ancient have made of those local rules?).



BEAT THE COURSE...
Peter Lacey didn't score at all well on the course, but he out-scored everyone afterwards, by winning the free day at the next venue. So it'll be a very welcome visit to Captain's Day

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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

Capt Clive Ackerman dropped a few points at South Beds, but don't forget he (and you) can drop your three worst points later in the year.

	Gog	Ash	SB	Tot
Dave O'Brien	23	22	21	66
Steve Langridge	18	22	17	57
Gwyn Ellis	16	15	25	56
Clive Ackerman	20	25	9	54
Tim Dent	23	13	14	50
Ken Gordon	7	25	10	42
John Silverosa	20	22	0	42
Robert Clayton	3	23	14	40
Simon Purkiss	13	0	25	38
Steve Foster	18	1	17	36
Stan Kelley	0	15	19	34
Michael Millen	5	10	19	34
Harry Bracher	0	22	11	33
Gary Sando	11	22	0	33
Sid Platten	24	8	0	32
Roger Butcher	3	8	20	31
Peter Lacey	23	0	8	31
Ted Platten	25	6	0	31
Steve Temple	0	0	25	25
Colin Andrews	1	0	22	23
Simon Light	0	22	0	22
Bob Pegg	0	22	0	22
Charles Wallis	14	0	8	22