



Captain:
**CRAIG
CASWELL**

First meeting:
**ASHRIDGE
GOLF
CLUB**

Tuesday
March 6

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Mr. Taxi

**That's our 2012
captain Craig**



TAKEN FOR A RIDE... Craig Caswell took Steve Temple all the way to the Pairs title. He also gave everyone the chop by winning the Player of the Year prize (right).



FARE COP... Craig also took the cash by topping the Eclectic. Joint runners-up were Roger Butcher (left), Damien Turley and Brian West (right).

GIVEN half a chance Craig Caswell would take you for a ride in more ways than one.

For starters he'd love to take your fare to our first venue – **Ashridge** – where one of its holes is aptly named Queen Elizabeth Drive.

Members get a huge £7 subsidy for Ashridge – and because times are hard your committee has agreed to subsidise the season by around £25.

Bearing in mind your annual subs are only £10, it makes sense to tell likely guests to join up a bit sharpish.

Brookman's Park agreed to peg their already keen price to the 2008 costings, so we promptly booked it for Thursday April 5.

Most of you will not have played the rolling fairways known as **Crews Hill**, but again we have a superb deal for Thursday May 3.

Our next venue is the highly popular John O'Gaunt on Wednesday June 13. We play 27 holes, 18 of which will be on the main course.

We return to **Whipsnade** on Wednesday July 11, followed by the venue which Craig Caswell has selected for his *Captain's Day*. That's at **Toot Hill**, on Wednesday August 15, the venue with the island green.

That long time favourite, **Aspley**

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GLASS ACT... David Grainge presents boxes of whisky tumblers to singles champion Harry Collins (right) and runner-up Phil Greenwold (left).



TOP TROTTERS... Top two Turkey Trot players (L-R): Gwyn Ellis, Roger Bukin, Robert Johnston, David Grainge, Harry Bracher, David Morris, John McNaughton and Dan Todd.

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Guisé and Woburn Sands, is booked for Wednesday September 26. And by way of a loyalty bonus Manager Karen has agreed to charge the same price we were paying way back in 2006.

On Wednesday November 7 it's off to **Letchworth** where we will play the same popular format enjoyed at Gog Magog.

Then in December it's back to **East Herts** for our Xmas Scramble. Date tba.

HUGE DONATION

DAVID Grainge has announced: "A huge donation from Pete Waters has boosted my Captain's charity to a fantastic £1,420."

At our end of season Xmas Scramble, David said members had generously donated £690 for his Alzheimer's Society charity. Then the auction of Dave O'Brien's holiday cottage in

Ireland raised a further £320.

That made the total £1,010. But now Peter Waters has boosted final figure to an amazing £1,420.

CURSE OF CAPTAINS?

"YOU really must warn Craig of the Captains hip curse," groans David Grainge.

"Brian West and now me have had to have new hip joints right after vacating the captaincy."

David traded hips on January 18 – and reckons he'll need less than three months to recover before playing with us at Brookmans Park April 5.

Here's hoping . . .

BGS WEBSITE

HANDICAP correct? Please check that we've got it right on the website.

You can also see the line-up of events for the coming season, complete with links to all the clubs – all thanks

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ROYALTY

SET amongst thousands of acres of National Trust woodland, Ashridge features among the top 100 courses in the UK. What's more, the R&A has again appointed Ashridge an 'Open Championship' Regional Qualifying course.

Ashridge launches our 2012 season on Tuesday March 6. It never has temporary greens or temp tees – and we'll be favoured with two start tees yet again.

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

to our website wizkid Phil Houston.

SCRAMBLED

GREAT day was had by all the East Herts for our Xmas Scramble.

Food and course were great, weather near perfect and the golf really tight – so we'll be back at East Herts

in December. Only five strokes separated the 10 teams, led by: Two under par 68: Robert Johnston, Harry Bracher, David Morris and John McNaughton.

Runners-up, Gwyn Ellis, David Grainge, Dan Todd, and Roger Bukin (one under par 69).

Stan

First BGS meeting of 2012: **ASHRIDGE TUESDAY MARCH 6**

Little Gaddesden, Berkhamsted, HP4 1LY Pro: Peter Cherry 01442 842307 Sec: Martin Silver 01442 842244



PICTURESQUE... National Trust woodland, bags of wildlife, including roaming deer

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

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

COMPETITION: 18 holes Singles Stableford playing for the **Spring Plate** (holder: Robert Clayton).

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

COST: We are **subsidising the price** to make it **£7** cheaper – £70 to members – and that includes cost of prizes, ball sweep, Eclectic and tips; not forgetting coffee and bacon rolls

from 7.45am, plus the **4-course** luncheon.

MESSAGES may be left at the Pro Shop.

BUGGIES/TROLLEYS: No buggies available unfortunately.

HOW TO GET THERE: From M25 - Leave at exit 20, take the A41 (dual carriage-way) 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.