

# It's the great Xmas Scramble



## Knebworth Golf Club

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IT was his first ever win, but then again Kevin Johnston has a very short memory.

Kevin's 38 points at Letchworth gave him a runaway win, but asked how long he'd been a member, he replied: "only about four years". Really? Well, it was in fact way back in 2009 that you joined us.

Back then Kevin's handicap was 11, it's gradually gone up to 14, but he's back down to 12 now after Letchworth.

Kevin couldn't stay to see if he'd won any prizes, but his poor memory means he may have already forgotten how well he played. Kevin also won a nearest pin and figured in the runner-up Crescendo team with Sid Platten and Charles Wallis.

Talking of Crescendo, Captain Nick MacDermott came in for some huge leg pulling after he turned up almost an hour late. That meant turning the draw upside-down, so the captain could go out last instead of first as the

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**SHOCK  
HORROR**

Look who's top  
of the Player of  
the Year table  
—Stan

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### WALLOWING IN WINE...

but while it was Kevin Johnston's lucky day at Letchworth, no one makes off with quite

so many bottles as this. However, Kevin still had plenty to come for his singles winner, nearest pin and the Crescendo spot



**DEAD HEAT...** Capt Nick presenting prizes to joint runners-up John Hare and Mick Millen.

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR

|                | Gog | Ash | MG | CB | OFM | A  | BS | L  | Tot |                 | Gog | Ash | MG | CB | OFM | A  | BS | L  | Tot |
|----------------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|-----|
| Stan Kelley    | 23  | 22  | 13 | 9  | 24  | 23 | 21 | 3  | 113 | John Silverosa  | 24  | 12  | 7  | 22 | 4   | 0  | 5  | 7  | 72  |
| Harry Bracher  | 0   | 18  | 24 | 22 | 19  | 23 | 23 | 19 | 111 | Bob Hughes      | 0   | 0   | 19 | 22 | 11  | 11 | 7  | 0  | 70  |
| Sid Platten    | 11  | 0   | 0  | 22 | 21  | 24 | 25 | 16 | 108 | Roger Butcher   | 20  | 12  | 24 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 12 | 0  | 68  |
| John Waters    | 22  | 17  | 25 | 9  | 15  | 20 | 7  | 22 | 106 | Steve Langridge | 10  | 15  | 17 | 7  | 6   | 7  | 12 | 10 | 64  |
| Robert Clayton | 25  | 8   | 19 | 17 | 13  | 16 | 25 | 3  | 102 | Steve Campbell  | 0   | 0   | 17 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 15 | 21 | 63  |
| David Grainge  | 16  | 25  | 22 | 18 | 15  | 11 | 5  | 14 | 96  | Steve Foster    | 0   | 0   | 11 | 1  | 22  | 25 | 3  | 1  | 62  |
| John Hare      | 16  | 19  | 0  | 25 | 12  | 6  | 0  | 24 | 96  | Nick MacDermott | 0   | 0   | 11 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 21 | 22 | 54  |
| Trevor Downham | 22  | 13  | 0  | 13 | 0   | 23 | 21 | 0  | 92  | Steve Nisbett   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 19  | 15 | 14 | 5  | 53  |
| Clive Ackerman | 0   | 23  | 12 | 17 | 25  | 0  | 0  | 12 | 89  | Steve Temple    | 0   | 0   | 6  | 1  | 0   | 15 | 21 | 10 | 53  |
| Kevin Johnston | 0   | 0   | 22 | 17 | 0   | 19 | 0  | 25 | 83  | Charles Wallis  | 0   | 0   | 4  | 1  | 5   | 11 | 21 | 7  | 48  |
| Bhupi Patel    | 16  | 5   | 17 | 3  | 19  | 5  | 14 | 16 | 82  | Tim Dent        | 0   | 22  | 0  | 25 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 47  |
| Michael Millen | 12  | 4   | 11 | 17 | 16  | 0  | 2  | 24 | 80  | Ted Platten     | 6   | 0   | 0  | 4  | 11  | 15 | 8  | 0  | 44  |
| Ray Whitehead  | 20  | 8   | 22 | 13 | 0   | 0  | 12 | 12 | 79  | Tim Taylor      | 20  | 22  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 42  |
| Gary Sando     | 16  | 25  | 0  | 1  | 20  | 3  | 12 | 1  | 76  | Bob Pegg        | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 21 | 19 | 40  |
| Ken Gordon     | 7   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 11  | 19 | 23 | 14 | 74  | Graham Beetles  | 9   | 17  | 0  | 7  | 0   | 5  | 0  | 1  | 39  |

# NOT TO BE MISSED - OUR GREAT CHRISTMAS SCRAMBLE

FULL ENGLISH BREAK-FAST, golf and Xmas Dinner, plus loads of prize goodies – and all for a fantastic bargain price.

We're talking about our BIG event of the year – the Xmas Scramble. And our greatly reduced price is about as rare as hen's teeth (or should that be turkey teeth?)

Thanks to Knebworth and quite a bit of subsidy from funds, it means members will be paying only £50 (guests £55). And that includes at least £10 of goodies.

**NOT played with us lately?** Then now's the time to get back in the swing!



Make the effort. We need your support – and let's face it you really can't go wrong being in a team with **four** of you having a go at every shot and putt!

Guests are welcome as usual to join in the thrills and spills of this fun game. It's teams-of-four comprising (near as possible) one low handicapper, one high (20+) and two middle men. Every team is therefore

more or less level so there are no handicaps – you all play off scratch! And scoring is stroke play.

But it's a *scramble* which means you select your best tee shot, then everyone plays from that spot. You do the same even on the putting green. The one exception is when the chosen ball is in the rough or a bunker, in which case you *drop* the ball in that bunker or

the rough of course.

*Remember, you have to use a minimum four tee shots from every player though.*

This is our 21st annual Christmas Scramble and to help get you get in the festive spirit you'll see the tables laden with Christmas fayre and prizes for all.

It all starts with a handsome breakfast served from 8.30am. We then the get hip flasks ready for 18 holes of fun Texas Scramble, after which you stoke-up again... with Xmas dinner.

And we all know what's for afters... the hullabaloo of the prizegiving.

*Merry Christmas.*

Our AGM is being held after the Xmas Scramble at Knebworth. ***Want to make a proposal?*** Then please call to have it added to the Agenda; new proposals will NOT be allowed on the day – Call Stan 01992 586280.

**LATE RAID..**  
Capt Nick arrived late, then led the Crescendo charge to steal the charge with Richard Nisbett (left) and Mick Millen (right).



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captain should.

But that only promoted more leg pulling, for the reshuffle teamed him up with oh-so-hot Mick Millen and brand new member Richard Nisbett.

And what a team they proved to be in the Crescendo, 80 points – 4 clear of the field.

Individually, Richard scored 32, and Nick 34 and Mick 36,

tied for second place with John Hare.

Also tied on 34 points were Damien Turley and John Waters. One point behind were Peter Waters, Robert Pegg and Harry Bracher.

Nearest pins: 17th Ray Whitehead, 14th Kevin Johnston.

## CHRISTMAS BONUS

Steve Campbell drew the number for a **FREE** Xmas day's golf at Knebworth



## IN THE MONEY

John Waters has been leading the way all season – and also ended on top, but several others chased hard for his money.

- 56pts John Waters
- 55pts Stan Kelley, Mick Millen.
- 54 Ian Mitchell, John Hare, Kevin Johnston
- 53 Harry Bracher.
- 52 Steve Foster.
- 51 Clive Ackerman.
- 50 Ray Whitehead, John Silverosa, Sid Platten, David Grainge
- 49 Damien Turley, Rob Clayton, Gary Sando
- 48. Bhupi Patel, Trevor Downham
- 47 Steve Campbell, Bob Hughes, Charles Wallis.
- 45 Ken Gordon, Roger Butcher.
- 44 Nick Macdermott, Phil Houston
- 43 Steve Temple

*Stan*



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**Monday December 3, 2018**

**ENTRIES** via the BGS website (via an email link) or phone Stan Kelley 01992 586280 or 07702 363611. As always, a minimum £20 penalty applies for any cancellations within three days of the event.

**COMPETITION:** 18 holes Texas Scramble, played as a Medal, not Stableford. At least four tee shots must be used from every player.

**TEE TIMES:** 1st tee reserved from 9.30am.

**COST:** £50 (£55 for guests) which includes a **hefty subsidy**. It's prizes for everyone, plus full English breakfast from 8.30am, plus golf, and Christmas Dinner, plus gratuity, plus the ball sweep/lucky dip for free day at Gog Magog next year.

**DRESS:** Jacket 'n' BGS tie for dinner. Do advise guests to be suited and booted.

**MOBILE PHONES** not permitted in the clubhouse.

**BUGGIES:** Might be available, but unlikely.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** From the A1(M) – Leave the A1(M) at Junction 7 and follow the signs for the A602. At the second roundabout turn right towards Knebworth on the B197.

Before entering the village at the top of a hill, turn right into Deards End Lane, and the golf club is just 50 yards along on the right.