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Next meeting:



ABRIDGE
GOLDF &
COUNTRY
CLUB
Wednesday
August 15

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FUTURE
FIXTURES:

CAPTAIN'S DAY
Thursday
September 27
BISHOP'S
STORTFORD

Monday
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Monday
December 3
KNEBWORTH



MINE'S A
DOUBLE... for Clive
Ackerman made it
back-to-back wins
of the Anniversary
claret jug. Alas,
runner-up Ian
Mitchell was taken
ill, but Stan Kelley
is in the picture for
third place.

NOT sure whether Mrs Ackerman welcomed it back, but Clive successfully clinched our **Anniversary Cup** for the second year running.

Could mean that Clive has to polish the trophy himself now? One thing is certain though, he polished off all his rivals with two shots to spare at Old Fold Manor.

Clive scored 38 points on a boiling hot day, which made the greens very quick and difficult.

Even 38 points is only just playing to handicap off the yellow tees. But we had a tie for second place on 36 points, between member Ian Mitchell and me, Stan Kelley.

We took some separating, for scores were level on the back nine, level on the back six, but Ian got the countback verdict on the last three holes.

Alas, Ian was struck down with a stomach upset after our meal, so Peter Lacey rushed him home even before we got around to announcing the results and making the presentations.

Days later Ian explained: "I'd felt ill after breakfast at home and felt rough when playing – and I was bad for several days."

Steve Foster was fourth with 35 points, while the average was 28pts – it was that tough.

Nearest pins: 7th Steve Langridge; 10th John Hare.

SINGLES and PAIRS

SURPRISE win for Gary Sando, he beat Clive Ackerman 2&1 away Clive's Nazeing course.

Gary got off to a flying start by



THAT'S MINE... said Bhupi
when 873 was announced as
the winning ticket for a free
day at Aybridge.

going 4-up after nine holes. He then blobbered three holes before winning the 13th. But Gary then held on to his two-hole lead.

● Like me, David Grainge lost 3 & 2 to captain Nick MacDermott at Toot Hill.

"It was a pretty even match but my putting was dreadful whereas Nick's short game solid," reports David.

But Nick and Pairs partner Steve Campbell narrowly lost out to Robert Clayton and Gwyn Ellis – ending 1up at Mill Green.

Great match with birdies and

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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

DAVID Grainge is still well clear at the top of the table, but Harry Bracher and Clive Ackerman both have a missed venue, so could well shoot into the lead after Abridge.

Leaders:

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David Grainge	16	25	22	18	15	96
Stan Kelley	23	22	13	9	24	91
John Waters	22	17	25	9	15	88
Harry Bracher	0	18	24	22	19	83
Robert Clayton	25	8	19	17	13	82
Clive Ackerman	0	23	12	17	25	77
John Hare	16	19	0	25	12	72
John Silverosa	24	12	7	22	4	69
Ray Whitehead	20	8	22	13	0	63
Gary Sando	16	25	0	1	20	62
Michael Millen	12	4	11	17	16	60
Bhupi Patel	16	5	17	3	19	60
Roger Butcher	20	12	24	0	0	56
Steve Langridge	10	15	17	7	6	55
Sid Platten	11	0	0	22	21	54
Trevor Downham	22	13	0	13	0	48
Tim Dent	0	22	0	25	0	47
Tim Taylor	20	22	0	0	0	42
Kevin Johnston	0	0	22	17	0	39
Phil Houston	0	15	0	23	0	38
Steve Foster	0	0	11	1	22	34
Graham Beetles	9	17	0	7	0	33
Peter Lacey	20	0	3	0	8	31
Ted Platten	6	0	0	4	11	21
Steve Nisbett	0	0	0	0	19	19
Ken Gordon	7	0	0	0	11	18
Steve Campbell	0	0	17	0	0	17
Damien Turley	0	0	8	0	8	16
Tom Grainge	9	0	5	0	0	14
Mike Moren	0	9	0	5	0	14

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pars galore. This went to last hole with the home boys 1-up. And in a dramatic finish Nick birdied it. But in a final twist Gwyn also birdied, halve the hole to clinch the match.

Steve Langridge and Ken Gordon have been surprisingly beaten on their own Mill Green course.

The perpetrators were Clive Ackerman and David Grainge who coolly compiled a 3&1 verdict on an extremely hot day.

FLYING UMBRELLA

"Clive was 'hot' on the back nine which probably made the difference", said David.

However the funniest thing was that Steve's umbrella (being used to shield

him from the sun) was ripped from his trolley by a mini whirlwind and sent the umbrella high in the sky.

An an updraft saw it floating at perhaps 100 feet and disappear to some distant part of the course.

Somebody must have found it and left it on a tee at the other end of course, for Steve recovered it.

Weird!!

WHEN LUCK TURNS REALLY BAD

Having only just recovered from a second hip op' former Capt Robert Pegg was looking forward to playing our next venue, at Abridge.

Then calamity – his wife Pamela had a stroke while they were on holiday last week of July.

"We are already receiving support and advice from the local Stroke



Support Team", said Robert.

"Naturally my priority is to support Pam until she improves enough for me to resume golf and bowls."

We at the BGS send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

"I have missed playing with the Bengo GS; the good fun and the great camaraderie."

Sir Henry Cotton's fond welcome

Abridge Golf & Country Club was the first course designed by Sir Henry Cotton, who won The Open three times.

Set in 160 acres of beautiful parkland, with breathtaking views of the Essex Countryside, Abridge is home to some of the major amateur golf tournaments including The South East Regional Open Qualifier.

Henry Cotton is arguably Britain's finest ever golfer, for he won The Open in 1934 1937 and 1948 but lost six years to World War II.

Cotton designed Abridge in the early 1960s, at the request of The South Essex Jewish Golfing Society who wanted a course of their own. Today Abridge is indisputably one of the best courses in Essex.

Despite being located



close to the M25, Abridge is shielded from the motorway and is situated in a pleasantly undulating area of natural beauty in the heart of the county.

At around 6,700 yards it's not the longest course

in Essex, but with a number of surprising elevation changes and several plateau greens, it can seem somewhat longer.

Be prepared for a testing challenge regardless of your golfing standard.

Abridge is renowned for exceptional greens and well maintained fairways, coupled with some great golf holes.

The 10th, 11th and 12th holes are known as the Abridge 'Amen Corner' – all three are par-fours stretching out over 400 yards, with out-of-bounds all the way on the left.

But the favourite hole for many will be the par three 2nd, where a pond eats into the green on the right hand side. It makes it an exciting feature.

ECLECTIC TABLE

JOHN Waters has already equalled last season's top score for the whole of last season – 55pts. **Leaders:**

55pts: John Waters
51: Ian Mitchell, Clive Ackerman
50: Stan Kelley, Mick Millen.
49: John Hare
48: David Grainge, Harry Bracher
47: Bhupi Patel, John Silverosa.
46: Robert Clayton, Steve Langridge, Ray Whitehead
45: Gary Sando, Roger Butcher
44: Phil Houston, Steve Foster
43: Tim Taylor, Kevin Johnston
Bob Hughes

Stan

ABRIDGE GOLF

Epping Lane, Stapleford Tawney, Essex RM4 1ST

Wed Aug 15

Pro shop: 01708 688 333

ENTRIES: Register to play via the usual Bengoegolfsociety email or phone Stan Kelley on 01992 586280 (Mobile 07702 36 36 11).

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

COMPETITIONS: 18 holes Stapleford playing for the **AUTUMN CUP** (holder: John Silverosa).

TEE reserved from 9.30am. Play from the Yellow tees as usual.

COST: Tea/coffee and bacon roll on arrival from 8.45am; lunch, waitress service; Eclectic,



raffle and prize table – all for £60, plus the delight of Abridge golf course.

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

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

BUGGIES. Ring pro shop.

MESSAGES may be left at the Pro Shop, phone above.