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Tuesday
July 5 at
BEDFORD &
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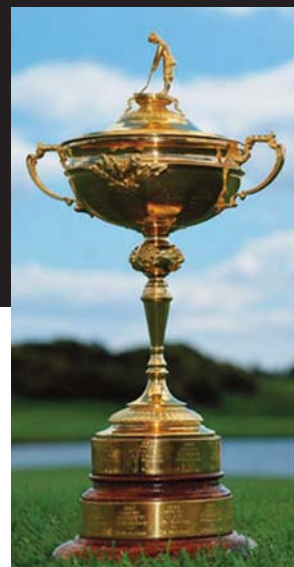
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Who's that on top of the Ryder Cup?

Modelling for the gold trophy was a top pro and private tutor for Samuel Ryder. He and our mystery man tee-ing up, regularly played at our next venue, Bedford & County. So who was he – turn the page to find out.



Old Fold proves a toughie

JUST 33 points top scored at Old Fold Manor – the same as last year. But the morning Greensome Cup saw a superb score of 26 points for 10 holes.

The 'hot' greensome duo were Dave O'Brien and new member Sean O'Reilly. And with nine pars and just the one bogey, they were truly untouchable.

There was a tie for second place on 19 points, but Gary Sando and Mick Millen got the verdict on countback over Steve Temple and Peter Lacey.

Just 33 points top scored again this year – with captain Colin Andrews claiming the **Anniversary Cup**.

Greed cost Colin at the end, for he tried to carry the water on the 18th and failed.

Colin not only lifted the trophy but also collect the Group 1 prizemoney, quite a feat bearing in mind that he was already carrying three shots loading.

Rob Clayton was also carrying three shots loading from a previous win, but that didn't stop him from topping Group 2 – that'll be another cut of two shots.

And Steve Foster will also be delighted (not) at being cut three shots for winning the Group 3 prizemoney.

Steve and Robert tied for second place overall, scoring 32 points apiece, off 15 and 21 respectively.

Nearest pins morning 10th hole: Ted Platten
Afternoon: 10th Rob Clayton; 14th captain Colin Andrews.

STRUGGLE

BOTH players struggled but Bhupi Patel got the better of David Grainge in a scrappy



WINNING line-up at Old Fold Manor – Anniversary Cup holder is captain Colin (above) flanked by Group winner Rob Clayton and Steve Foster Group 3.

A holiday cost Steve Lantridge (left) the lead in the Player of Year, for Steve Foster's second place at OFM puts him top. Please see bengeogolfsociety.org.uk website for the PoY table

Bhupi Patel (right) tops our other long running comp, the Eclectic.



(their words) 2&1 verdict at Old Fold Manor in the opening round of our McMullen Singles championship.

ALSO at Old Fold, Dave O'Brien and Sean Reilly (they won the morning Greensome by a mile) continued their hot run to roll over Mick Millen and Gary Sando 5&3 in the Pairs champs.

Reigning champions Gwyn Ellis and Rob Clayton enjoyed a com-

fortable 4&2 verdict over me, Stan Kelley, and Simon Light. But the loss was all down to my putting (especially as we won the last two holes).

DARE

Robert dared me to print his version, so here goes...

"It was supposed to be the second day of summer, but was more like a winter's day; three layers of clothing.

"The day started off well

for Rob, as Stan and Simon gave him £20 for his charity in exchange for free gold for the day.

"The game was pretty uneventful with Gwyn and Rob up throughout and Gwyn drilling a long birdie on the 16th (his fourth) to win 4&2.

"It would be fair to point out that the game would have been a lot closer. So is Stan going to have putting lessons – and how many three putts did he have?

"All in all a pleasant match."



LUCKY SURU..
or that's what
the rest thought
after he drew
the winning
ticket for a free
day at Old Fold

ECLECTIC

Top 10 in the Eclectic following Old Fold Manor, sees Bhupi Patel lead the way, but he's only one point ahead of the main contenders in the 'Player of the Year'.

Leaders:

- 50pts Bhupi Patel
- 49 Steve Foster
- 48 Steve Langridge, Colin Andrews
- 47 Nick MacDermott, Stan Kelley
- 46 Tim Taylor
- 45 Ted Platten, Robert Clayton, Steve Hickey

BEDFORD & COUNTY

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TUES JULY 5

ENTRIES at least seven days in advance of the event please. **Please ring Stan Kelley on 07702 363611**, or email Dave O'Brien... davidob1@hotmail.com

Cancellation rule: Minimum £20 penalty (full cost at some courses) for cancelling within three days of event (be sure to advise guests).

COMPETITION: 9 holes for the **BOGEY CUP** (holder: Ted Platten).

Afternoon: 18 holes Singles Stableford for the **DENNIS SANDO CUP** (holder: Simon Purkiss).



Pro: Steve Vinnicombe 01234 352617 ext 2

TEE TIMES: 10am and 1.15pm. Play from yellow tees as usual.

COST: This is an amazingly cheap £65 and that figure includes cost of prizes, ball sweep, Eclectic, plus tips. It also includes coffee and

bacon rolls from 9.15am, plus lunch and dinner.

MESSAGES may be left at the Pro Shop (phone number above).

BUGGIES: Book via Stan: to arrange a special deal.



NOT SO GREEN... New member Sean Reilly (left) cradles the Greensome Cup after scoring 26 points with Dave O'Brien, who grabs the wine!

So did you know who's on top of the Ryder Cup?

THAT'S a painting of Sam Ryder and the famous golden cup that he presented back in 1927.

The man on top of the trophy is Abe Mitchell (pictured below). Who you might ask?

Ryder was a wealthy seed merchant in St Albans. In 1923 he organised the Heath and Heather Tournament for professional golfers at St Albans and Abe

Mitchell from south London took part.

A year or so later Samuel Ryder employed Abe as a personal instructor at Verulam Golf Course. And Ryder also housed Abe in St Albans. That's why Mitchell modelled for the trophy.

Abe was chosen to be the player-captain of Great Britain's first Ryder Cup team in 1927, but he was unable to make the voyage to the United States due to appendicitis. He did play on the next three teams in 1929, 1931, and 1933.



Four famous legends play match on opening day

BEDFORD & County was established in 1912 being originally part of the Clapham Park estate, farmed by Lancelot Clark.

On Friday 1st March 1912, the first nine holes were opened and named Clapham Park Golf Links.

Then in May 1913 the course was extended to 18 holes and officially opened with an exhibition match between Charles B. MacFarlane, (the celebrated Scottish amateur champion from Prestwick) and George Duncan, who went on to win The Open Championship in 1920.

OPEN CHAMPS DUEL AT B&C

At this time, the club was renamed Mid-Bedfordshire Golf Course at Clapham. But during the first War the course closed and was used by The Bedfordshire Regiment.

In September 1920, a Scotland



Abe Mitchell, George Duncan, James Braid and J H Taylor.
Note that they all swung with a bent left arm.

v England match took place between George Duncan (current Open Champion) partnering James Braid (5 times Open Champion) versus England's J.H. Taylor (5 times Open Champion) and Abe Mitchell. With the lead changing hands several times, Mitchell put his tee shot 2ft from the pin on the par 3 18th hole to halve the match with a birdie.

Following on from this match,

J.H. Taylor, together with Fredrick George Hawtree, undertook one of his first golf course design commissions in the re-construction of the course.

NEW DESIGN UNCHANGED

A new golf pavilion opened in 1921 followed by the newly completed course on the 26th April 1923. The new layout remains much the same as it is today and saw the introduction of bunkers

for the first time. Then on 25th March 1926, the club changed hands and was re-structured under the present name of Bedford & County Golf Club with £1 shares being issued to members.

The Club progressed but through the Second World War a large part of the course (holes 6th through to 15th) was requisitioned by the War Agricultural Committee and saw the erection of nissen huts for use by the R.A.F. and W.A.A.F.

After the war, the course was in a pretty poor state and it was only through the laborious work of members under the guidance of Jack Simons, the Head Greenkeeper, that 9 holes were restored and allowed golf to be played although under somewhat primitive conditions.

It was not until June 1952 that the whole course was fully restored and officially re-opened by the then celebrated Ryder Cup captain Arthur Lacey.

Stan