



Captain:
CRAIG
CASWELL

Next meeting:
CAPTAIN'S DAY
at TOOT HILL
Wednesday
August 15

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FIXTURES 2012

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EAST HERTS

RAIN STOPPED PLAY YET AGAIN

IT was a case of rain stopped play for the second time this season, during our Whipsnade fixture.

Most managed to complete the morning nine holes Bogey Cup before heavy rain flooded the greens. (The afternoon round is postponed until Sept 5, more later).

But the **Bogey Cup** produced an exciting finish with no fewer than four players tying on the same scratch score.

With scoring based on plus, halved or minus (+0-) we had four players averaging dead on handicap by scoring '0' for the nine holes.

Separated on count-back, Sid Platten emerged as the glory boy, which adds to the Greensome Cup he won with Bhupi at John O'Gaunt last month.

Reigning champion Tim Dent (yes, he won the Dennis Sando Cup at John O'Gaunt) came within a whisker of putting the Bogey Cup back in his trophy cabinet by finishing runner-up.

Third was Roger Butcher, followed by captain Craig Caswell who completed the quartet on '0'.

NEW date to play the afternoon round at Whipsnade is Wednesday September 5. And up for grabs will be the Anniversary Cup once more. Those of who were at Whipsnade on July 11 will not have to pay even one extra penny. But if you dodged all that rain



Prize all round at Captain's thrash

Among the many prizes on Captain's Day, Craig is offering treasure at ALL the par-3s, plus nearest in three strikes at one of the par-5s.

After coffee and bacon rolls the day starts with a fun "crescendo" over 12 holes (details overleaf).

Then after lunch it's every man for himself in trying to rest the Captain's Cup from Michael Bench who won it last year.

What's more, Craig tells me that no one will go home empty handed.

and flooded greens, then you can take advantage of paying only for the reduced cost of the remaining 18 holes on Sept 5.

Playing details are the same as the last newsletter, so please call or email bookings for that together with your booking for Captain's Day.



BOGEY MAN... Sid platten won the Bogey Cup at Whipsnade, but only on countback over three others. But can a picture lie? See Back Page.

SURPRISING KO's IN KNOCKOUTS

BOTH the McMullen Singles and Concorde Pairs championship rounds are moving at last, including my surprise win of 5&3 over former champion Steve Temple.

I was 1-up after nine holes at East Herts, but rapidly extended my lead thanks to some lucky long putts.

• Steve Langridge scored a 4&3 verdict over an out-of-sorts

Gary Sando at Mill Green.

Steve explains: "I made a good start and then managed to hang on to it."

• It was a similar story for last year's finalist Phil Greenwold, who beat the captain's son Jamie Caswell 5&3 at East Herts.

• Mill Green witnessed a dramatic 18th hole decider when Gwyn Ellis and Robert Clayton played hosts to John Mac and Bob

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LEAVE A BID ++ LEAVE A BID ++ LEAVE

Captain's charity to auction Ivan's golf gear



Powacaddy cover, trolley, bag and brand new flight club cover.

THE family of Ivan Pettit, who sadly died of cancer the day before he was due to defend his trophy at John O'Gaunt, have bequeathed his golf gear to Bengeo Golf Society – in aid of the Captain's charity.

It will therefore be auctioned on Captain's Day.

Can't be there? Leave a bid by email or phone Stan or Damien

(number overleaf).

The equipment includes: **GolfBuddy platinum satnav...** Powacaddy trolley & battery... **Hillbilly trolley & battery...** Powacaddy Winter Wheels... **trolley cover...** Powacaddy golf bag, **plus brand new flight bag cover...** ball retriever.



Winter wheels (left) and GolfBuddy satnav for all your favourite golf courses

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Pegg in the Pairs.

Single figure players Gwyn and John both scored three birdies. Gwyn made his first birdie on the opening hole but only halved it after Bob carded a nett birdie.

The visitors won the 2nd and gradually increased their lead to 3-up with 4 to play.

But Rob/Gwyn pulled it back to 'dormy 2' and then won the 17th to go dormy-1. What a fight back.

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PLEASE NOTE

Book to play Captain's Day with **Damien Turley** – not Stan Kelley

drama concluded on the par-3 18th, but all four players missed the green.

John found a bunker and got a 4. Rob was short and also got a 4, while Bob and Gwyn were both through the green.

Gwyn chipped and then holed a 6ft putt. But a similar chip and 4ft putt from Bob clinched a great decider.

Bob concluded: "I used to be very sceptical about Mill Green, but I am now a convert to the quality of the course."

• Another thriller went to the 19th hole at Mill Green.

A tight match all the way, visitors Peter Waters and David Grainge went ahead on the 17th, only for Ken Gordon and Steve Langridge to square the match on 18.

By then it was gone 9pm, but the 19th eventually saw Peter and David claim victory.

TIM PUTS DENT IN ECLECTIC

Tim Dent heads the Eclectic table by two clear points over *Player of the Year* leader Phil Greenwold.

Leaders are:

Tim Dent 53 points,
Phil Greenwold 51,
Colin Andrews 50,
Capt Craig 49,
Gary Sando 48,
Dave O'Brien 47.

4-BALL AUCTION

SEVERAL 4-ball tickets will be up for grabs on captain's Day, all in aid of the Captain's charity, the Willow Foundation

YES, PICTURE WAS A LIE

Picture on the front page IS indeed of Sid Platten, winner of the Bogey Cup and wine prizes as shown.

Fact is because we spent a lot of time waiting and hoping for Whipsnade to drain enough to play, we therefore did not get around to making the actual presentation.

So I "manufactured" a picture by badly superimposing Sid's face over the picture of Craig Caswell when he won the cup a couple of years back!

Sorry.

HUGE THANKS...

...from Captain Craig. "My charity fund for the Bob Wilson Willow Foundation is already well over £200. Thanks guys."

Stan

PLAYER OF YEAR

Your best FIVE scores out of eight to count, so you can miss three and still win

BECAUSE the afternoon round was rained off at Whipsnade, there is no change to the table.

Phil Greenwold therefore remains top of the table, one point ahead of Gary Sando.

They have a big gap over the rest of the chasing pack.

	A	BP	JoG	Tot
Phil Greenwold	19	24	18	61
Gary Sando	22	24	14	60
Robert Clayton	10	19	23	52
Tim Dent	17	5	25	47
Steve Langridge	10	13	24	47
John Mac	19	10	18	47
Roger Butcher	13	20	12	45
Craig Caswell	15	8	21	44
Colin Andrews	13	24	1	38
Harry Collins	24	14	0	38
John Hare	0	25	11	36
Brian West	15	19	1	35
Bob Pegg	0	16	18	34
Ken Gordon	25	5	0	30
Stan Kelley	1	8	18	27
Rich Fobbeester	13	1	11	25
John Tass	22	0	3	25
Bhupi Patel	0	10	14	24
Dan Todd	0	24	0	24
Terry Fuller	23	0	0	23

TOOT HILL GOLF CLUB

School Road, Toot Hill, Ongar, Essex CM5 9PU



ENTRIES at least seven days in advance of the event. **Email or ring Damien Turley on 01279 433006 or 07985 198823.**

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

COMPETITIONS. *Morning:* 12 holes of 'Crescendo': It's played in teams of four; first four holes you record the best 2 stableford scores; next four holes it's your best 3 scores; last four holes it's all 4 scores to count.

TEE TIMES: 1st reserved

Wednesday August 15

Pro Shop: 01277 365747 Clubhouse: 01277 365523

from 9.30am and 1.15pm. Play from the Yellow tees as usual.

COST: Bacon rolls and coffee on arrival, lunch and three-course dinner, plus waitress gratuity; Eclectic raffle and 30 holes of golf, plus Captain's prizes – all for £70.

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 preferred.

BUGGIES. £25 per round or £35 for all 30 holes. Let Damien know if you require someone to share.

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

HOW TO GET THERE: Via M11: Leave at junction 7 Harlow and take the A414

towards Chelmsford. After 1.2 miles you come to a roundabout take the 1st exit (A414 towards Chelmsford). After 1.2 miles you reach the Talbot roundabout go straight over (2nd exit). After 1.0 miles turn right into Blake Hall Road, after 1.1 miles turn right into Toot Hill Road.

Continue into Toot Hill Village, just past the Green Man Pub take the left turn towards Stanford Rivers. The Golf Club is 300 yards on the right hand.

From Hertford: Take A414 going under M11 and follow directions as above.