

# Bengeo Golf Society

Captain: DAVE O'BRIEN



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**TREBLE TOP...** Capt Dave O'Brien created three divisions for his prizes. Steve Langridge (left) topped 0-12 handicaps; Terry Fuller (centre) topped the 13-19 handicaps, while Brian West (right) was top man among the higher handicaps. Steve and Brian were also in the top team.

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**JUST THE TICKET...** After three years absence, Tony Sando (above) re-joined the BGS on Captain's Day and promptly won a free day at our next venue, John O'Gaunt.

**YELLOW PERILS...** All but three of the 13 teams lost their Yellow Balls, but an outstanding 23 points for nine holes comfortably won capt Dave's glassware for Stan Kelley, Terry Kingham and Ralph Chambers.

What a fabulous Captain's Day we had at Saffron Walden... Fine weather.. good food.. and great prizes from Dave O'Brien, who created THREE handicap divisions with FOUR prizes for each division.

The one sad note was that Clive Ackerman had his golf shoes stolen from the changing room while we were receiving all those prizes during dinner.

The day started with 13 teams-of-three playing nine holes, with the best two scores to count each hole, plus a 'Yellow Ball' score.

## WELCOME BACK

...to Terry Kingham, a member since 1996 who played Captain's Day which was only his second game!

Amazingly, all but three of those 13 yellow balls were lost. In any case no one came close to the 23 points scored by Ralph Chambers, Stan Kelley and Terry Kingham who was making a first appearance since joining the BGS way back in 1996, when he was captain of Welwyn Garden City.

However, the above 'Yellow Ball' winners were only 4th (41pts) in the main team event, which went to Brian West, Steve Langridge and John McNaughton with 44 points. 2nd (on countback) also 44 points, Gary Sando and guests Rob Groves,

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...** Thursday August 14 John O'Gaunt... Wednesday September 3 Aspley Guise & Woburn Sands... **WEEKEND SPECIAL** Sun/Mon September 28/29 Dunston Hall... Monday December 8 East Herts



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Brian Reid. 3rd with 42 points Bill Bridgwater, Harry Bracher and his guest Tony Froud.

Captain Dave bought so many prizes that he decided to create three categories based on handicaps... 0-12; 13-19; and 20+. In fact he had FOUR prizes for each category, but it would be taking things too far to cut beyond third places.

Topping the low handicappers (0-12) were Steve Langridge 33 points, Chris Murray 32, Craig Caswell and Harry Bracher 30.

Heading the high boys (20+) were Brian West 36 points, Bill Bridgwater 34, Damien Turley 31 and Roger

Bukin 29. But the Captain's Cup was lifted by Terry Fuller who topped the 13-19 category with 38 points, followed by Sut Panchi 37, Colin Andrews 35 and Peter Zimmer-Smith 32.

Heading the guests: Rob Groves 40 points, Brian Reid 38 points (both with Gary Sando) and Tony Froud 30 points (with Harry Bracher).

Captain Dave even had several random lucky-dip prizes, in addi-

tion to: *Straightest Drive* (4th hole) Bill Bridgwater just 3ft from the line. *Nearest pins*: 5th hole, Brian Reid (guest); 7th Terry Jackson; 11th Craig Caswell; 18th Charles Wallis.

We have some great tales of woe to tell in the Knockouts...

**In the Pairs Championship:** Martin West and Jason Turner took on Graham Beetles and Terry Fuller at Saffron Walden, but suffered a shock defeat.

It was bad enough that Martyn was having to give 7 shots, but the Peterborough putters didn't come to the party. Against that Terry and Graham were "hot". Indeed, Terry eagled stroke index 1, the

540yd 6th, after putting his second shot 4ft from the pin.

That's mighty hitting for a 14-handicapper, but the 7&6 result still comes as quite a shock. No wonder Terry also

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Brian West is one of the few to have completed his five matches – and he has a healthy 28 points. The good news is that he has just cut his handicap by several shots!

Craig Caswell is the next best five match man with 37 points. But there are several more in the 30 point bracket after four appearances, such as Peter Waters, Peter Zimmer-Smith and Robert Clayton.

Leading the charge with three appearances are Bill Bridgwater (17), Harry Bracher (19), Harry Collins 29 and Gwyn Ellis (30)

won the Captain's Cup!

Draw for the semi-finals: Steve Langridge & Ken Gordon v Terry Fuller & Graham Beetles; Peter & James Zimmer-Smith v Peter Waters & Ivan Pettit.

**McMullen Singles championship** quarter-finals: Clive Ackerman went to Steve Langridge's Mill Green course and built a healthy 2-up lead at the half-way stage. But Steve managed to claw back level at the 17th, then clinched the winner on the par-3 18th.

Out of bounds (twice) water and wild hitting cost Colin Andrews five balls – and a 3&1 defeat to Stan Kelley (that's me).

Out of bounds (twice) plus saddling himself with his son's clubs, led to Craig Caswell losing the first four holes to Peter Waters at his Mill Green Club. Craig clawed two back after nine, but Peter held on to that lead to win 2&1.

Draw for the semi-finals: Steve Langridge v. Peter Waters; Rod Homer or Harry Collins v. Stan Kelley. See BGS website for "home" player. **Stan**

### NOTICE...

Don't ring Stan Kelley to book John O'Gaunt. Ring David Morris (see below) or book via BGS website as usual

### WELCOME

...to new member Richard Fobbeater, after playing thrice as a guest. He's introduced by Gary Sando

# JOHN O'GAUNT



Sutton Park, Sandy, SG19 2LY PRO SHOP: 01767 260084

## Thursday August 14

**ENTRIES** seven days in advance please. Book to play via the Bengo website or phone David Morris 07944 298096  
Cancellation rule: Minimum £20 penalty (full cost at some courses) for cancellations within 3 days of the event

### COMPETITIONS:

**Morning:** Nine holes for the **BOGEY CUP** (holder Mike Alldridge).

**Afternoon:** 18 holes Singles Stableford playing for the **ANNIVERSARY CUP** (holder: Leigh Bembrick).

**MEET** from 9am for coffee and bacon rolls. First tee reserved from 9am and again at 12.30am. Play from the yellow markers.

**COST:** £65 includes prizes, light lunch and two-course dinner. (Vegetarians please advise.)

**DRESS:** Shorts should be full length and worn with either full knee-length socks or short white socks. Jackets 'n' BGS ties are a must for dinner as usual.

**MOBILE phones** are only permitted in the car park).

**BUGGIES.** £20 per round. Talk to pro for a price for 27 holes.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** John O'Gaunt Golf Club is located on the B1040 east of the A1, between the Biggleswade and Sandy Junctions.

