



**Captain:  
ROGER  
BUTCHER**

Next meeting:

**CANONS  
BROOK**

**Wednesday  
July 10**

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## FIXTURES 2013

**Wednesday  
July 10  
CANONS BROOK**

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*I BEAT YA... that's what captain Roger seems to be saying to Richard Fobbester and Steve Campbell*



**THREE FINGERS...** from Brian West (left) says it's his third Greensome Cup victory, this time with Michael Bench.

**PRIZE** ticket winner is David Grainge (above) which rewards a free day at Canons Brook.

**And Gary Sando (below) shows the voucher he bid £100 for a 4-ball at John O'Gaunt**



BEING a left-handed fader of the ball proved to be the perfect combination at Leighton Buzzard.

Only one man fits that description – our captain Roger Butcher.

Most of Buzzard's holes shape to the left, with the tricky 17th being aptly named "Fader's Folly". It's a short par-4 cut into the side of a steep hill. It means a very narrow fairway and a sheer out-of-bounds drop on the right.

Not surprisingly Captain Roger's left-handed fade did the trick to lift the **Dennis Sando Cup**.

Roger carded 38 points, for which he not only topped the Group One division but was also

awarded a one-shot cutin handicap from 10 to 9.

Runner-up with 37 points was band new member Steve Campbell who topped Group Two. And following third with 36 points was Ricard Fobbester who claimed the Group Three prize.

Top guest was my invite Simon Light.

Nearest pins: 11th David Grainge, 14th John McNaughton.

In the morning nine holes **Greensome Cup**, four pairings tied 19 points. And after count-backs Brian West angraved his name of the trophy for the third time.

This time he partnered Michael Bench (who won at Ashridge). Runners-up were Capt Roger Butcher

and Chris Murray, with Steve Campbell and Nick MacDermott third.

Missing out on that countback were me (Stan Kelley) and Simon Light.

Amazingly five pairings were just one point behind on 18pts: Steve Langridge & Richard Fobbester, David Grainge & Steve Nisbett, Sid Platten & Harry Collins, Robert Clayton & Steve Temple.

### DID YOU KNOW?

ON his way to winning his third European Tour title in Majorca, Swede Peter Hanson incurred a one stroke penalty for a double hit in a bunker during on his final round.

Hanson was penalised under Rule 14-4 which says:

"If a player's club strikes the ball more than once in the course of a stroke, the player must count the stroke and add a penalty stroke, making two strokes in all."

Many golfers are confused as to whether they have to count the times they hit the ball (e.g. twice) as well as the penalty stroke.

Happily that is not the case. There is only one stroke at the ball and one

### PLAYER OF YEAR

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

Captain Roger extends his lead to 8 points, while Brian West closes to second place, closely followed by Steve F and Steve L.

Good scores at Leighton Buzzard also sees several other sharp rises.

	A	BP	JUG	LB	Tot
Roger Butcher	17	23	18	25	83
Brian West	20	19	11	21	71
David Grainge	13	25	18	6	62
Steve Foster	13	20	21	6	60
Steve Langridge	14	9	21	16	60
Chris Ashbolt	17	0	25	16	58
Steve Temple	0	15	18	22	55
Rich Fobbester	24	0	8	23	55
Nick MacDermott	20	0	13	20	53
John Hare	0	25	10	16	51
Dave O'Brien	20	15	7	6	48
Bob Pegg	24	23	0	0	47
Gwyn Ellis	24	19	0	0	43
Gary Sando	24	0	7	12	43
Sid Platten	17	19	1	3	40
Colin Andrews	0	12	7	19	38
Graham Beetles	13	1	18	2	34
Michael Bench	25	3	0	10	38
Chris Murray	0	19	0	17	36

penalty stroke; no matter how many times the ball is hit during the course of that stroke.

### £100 FOR CHARITY

John O'Gaunt has kindly donated a 4-ball ticket for our Captain's charity.

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## Amazing trio of captains

IT takes some believing but the BGS will be boasting three club captains next year.

First call came from **John Tass** who will captain East Herts.

Then **Ken Gordon** (see story "Bad Break") announced he'll boss Mill

Green. And now we have **Clive Ackerman** due to fill the captain's car parking space at Nazeing in 2014.

Three cheers indeed!





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It was auctioned at Leighton Buzzard where Gary Sando made a splendid winning bid of £100.

Fines at Buzzard totalled £121 which boosts the charity total to a brilliant £679.30.

### BAD BREAK

KEN Gordon has broken a leg, just above the ankle, so has had to pull out of our Pairs Knockout with Steve Langridge.

Ken was away in Bournemouth at the time, where the local hospital transferred him to Poole Hospital for it to be plated. But they didn't have a surgeon available so Ken opted for Watford.

"The good news is that Watford General said it did not need plating," says Ken, who hopes to be back playing in time for Toot Hill on August 8.

### CLOTS!

INSTEAD of having a simple op' to solve a blood clot, Robert Pegg was released from hospital with a damaged artery.

Robert writes: "My visit to Lister Hospital (June 25) was not a success. In the process of trying to insert a stent, my artery was damaged and the process had to be abandoned.

"I now face a month of rest to allow the artery to heal before they try again."

Robert concludes: "I hope you're all enjoying your golf and I look forward to returning soon."

### ECLECTIC

THERE'S little change at the top of the Eclectic table – except that Brian West has extended his lead to 51 points.

On 47 are Steve Foster, Steve Langridge.

46: Chris Ashbolt, Micheal Bench, Roger Butcher and Sid Platten.

45: David Grainge, Steve Temple, Gary Sando and Nick MacDermott.

44: Richard Fobbester.

### EAGLE START

GARY Sando opened with a nett eagle (birdie with a stroke) while partnering Richard Fobbester against Gwyn Ellis and Rob Clayton in the Pairs Knockout.

He scored it at the opening par-5 at Mill Green. Richard also played exceptionally well, but Gwyn and Rob still managed to make the home draw pay with a 2&1 victory.

David Grainge and son Tom Grainge had to give a walkover to Steve Temple and Colin Andrews – all courtesy of Tom being sent to The States.

A broken leg also forced Ken Gordon and Steve Langridge to concede their match to Phil Greenwold and Stan Kelley.

In the **McMullen Singles**, Steve Temple lost 3&2 to me (Stan) at Panshanger.

### YOUR PRO DO WELL?

How well did your club pro do in the PGA Eastern Region championship?

It was filmed by Sky Sports at Essendon Country Club – and will be televised on Sky Sports 4 on July 9 at 8pm, also July 10 at 12.00 and 14.00.

East Herts' Daniel Field did well. Full report on the PGA website on...

[http://www.pga.info/regions/england\(east\)/news/2013/06/trainer-takes-title.aspx](http://www.pga.info/regions/england(east)/news/2013/06/trainer-takes-title.aspx)

**Stan**

## Canons Brook celebrates 50 years with special deal for Bengoe – see booking cost

Canons Brook Golf Club was designed by Sir Henry Cotton, whose philosophy was to create a championship length course with very little rough, but incorporating many bunkers and large undulating greens, a task he accomplished with style.

Situated in 112 acres of mature rolling countryside, the 18 hole, 6,769 yard par 73 championship course makes excellent use of the surrounding landscape and its numerous natural and man-made hazards and beautiful features.

The Canons Brook (from which the club takes its name) meanders through various parts of the course. The Brook, as it is known, catches many a golf ball for those that fail to treat it with respect.

The twelfth hole is Sir Henry Cottons' signature hole and typifies all the holes on the course. Seemingly simple, but surrounded with problems and

should be well thought out.

Sir Henry Cotton enjoyed considerable success as a golfer winning the Open Championship on three occasions. He was widely renowned as the top British golfer of his time and played in four Ryder Cup tournaments.

But very few BGS members seem to have heard of Cotton. Had it not been for six years service in the War, it's doubtful whether Faldo would now be Britain's best-ever.

Cotton's record includes winning the Open in 1934, 1937 and 1948; plus 30 European Tour Victories; Match Play champion 1932, 1940, 1946, plus three Ryder Cup appearances.



**TRIPLE CHAMP... Cotton with the famous Open jug**

#### DID YOU KNOW?

...that a ball was made to commemorate Cotton's record round in 1937, the Dunlop 65

#### DID YOU KNOW?

...that Henry Cotton was not knighted until one week after he died in 1987?

# CANONS BROOK

Elizabeth Way, Harlow, Essex, CM19 5BE

## Wednesday July 10



**TIGHT START... The opening hole and your first encounter with the winding Canons Brook water**



**NEW... changing rooms and updated clubhouse**



**Newly refurbished changing facilities**

**Pro: Mark Smith**

**01279 418357**

**Clubhouse: 01279 425142**

**ENTRIES** seven days in advance please. Book to play via the Bengoe website (see Page 1) or phone Stan Kelley 01992 586280 or 07702 363611

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

**COMPETITIONS:** *Morning:* 14 holes playing for the **BOGEY CUP** (holder: Sid Platten).

*Afternoon:* 18 holes Singles Stableford for the **ANNIVERSARY CUP** (holder: Roger Butcher).

**MEET** from 7.45.am for coffee and bacon rolls. First tee reserved from 8.30am and again at 1.30pm. Play from the yellow markers.

**COST: just £60** includes prizes both morning and afternoon, coffee and bacon rolls on arrival; lunch; dinner (vegetarians please advise); plus ball sweep and Eclectic, even the gratuities for waitress service.

**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** permitted only in the car park).

**BUGGIES.** £22 per round

**HOW TO GET THERE:** From Hertford: Take the A414 to Harlow, then right at the first roundabout into Elizabeth Way. Golf course is one mile along on the left hand side. From the M11: Exit junct 7, then A414 Harlow road, turn left at fifth roundabout, then straight across four more roundabouts until you reach the course (on the left).