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Next meeting:
**PORTERS
PARK
GOLF CLUB**
Friday
April 1

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FIXTURES 2011

Thurs May 5
SAFFRON WALDEN

Tuesday June 7
WHIPSNADE

Thursday July 7
TOOT HILL

Wednesday August 3
JOHN O'GAUNT

Friday September 2
ASPLEY GUISE

Thurs 29 September
**OPEN DAY
PANSHANGER**

Friday November 4
GOG MAYGOG

Friday? December?
XMAS SCRAMBLE

CAPTAIN DAVID'S GOT ALZHEIMERS*



YOU know what they say about money goes to money, well no one epitamises that more than treasurer Robert Clayton.

He'd already been cut five shots – 19 to 14 – for winning so many times last year, yet he still won our 2011 opener at challenging Bocket Hall with 37 points.

"But I only won on countback," groaned Robert, who clinched the Spring Plate trophy at the expense of Andy Alexander. However, Andy did have the consolation of winning the Group 1 prize (handicaps 0-12).

Robert topped Group 2, but his prizes didn't stop there, for he also bagged a nearest pin.

Nobody was more surprised to win the Group 3 prize than Tony Sando. "My game's not up to it," insisted Tony who refused to enter until persuaded by a late cancellation. 31 points earned him the wine.

My guest, Alan Julien – another only playing due to another late cancellation – rewarded with the day's top score of 38 points. Runners-up among the guests were John Rice and Robert Johnston both 33 points.

Nearest pins: Steve Foster 17th, and Robert Clayton 5th.

Vice-captain Craig Caswell and Captain David Grainge set the early pace with 35 points apiece (both Group 1). But even though they failed to plunder the prizes, it meant that Captain David collected £1 for his charity from all but three of the field of 39 players. (Anyone failing to beat the Captain's score at any event this year will be asked to donate £1 – and if he fails to beat you then the Captain pays £1 instead.

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**ALZHEIMER'S... David Grainge launches our 2011 season with his drive-in on a glorious day at Bocket Hall. Alzheimer's Society is the charity that David is supporting... Can anyone remember where his ball went?*



ON A PLATE... Already cut five shots, treasurer Robert Clayton (right) still manage to win the Spring Plate, presented here by Captain David.

BOOK EARLY FOR PORTERS PARK

Porters Park is normally way out of our price bracket, but their winter rate makes it just our cup of tea.

With coffee and hot bacon rolls on arrival, we should comfortably fill our limit of 36 players – so book early.

Did you know that Porters Park gets its name from its first land owner, John Le Porter, and dates back to 1340?

Well, that's how long the estate stayed in the family, but almost 600 years elapsed before the golf course was built in 1899.

IT'S A KNOCKOUT

DRAW for the McMullen **SINGLES** and **Concord PAIRS** knockout championships will take place at Porters Park on Friday April 1st. Don't miss out, get your entry in now.

Entries will be taken at Porters Park, but make life easier for yourself (and me) by entering right now – either by emailing or phoning Stan Kelley on 01992 586280 or 07702 363611.

Need a Pairs partner? Then let me know because we can always sort out one for you.

The entry fee is a nominal £1 per head for each event. All the **Rules Of Play** will be on the website together with the draw.

PRICE OF WINNING...

Newcomers may like to know that you get cut for winning any event, irrespective of whether you managed to play to your handicap.

To make it fair, there are in effect three competitions in one, because the field is divided into three 'groups' based on handi-

Reason to smile..



...that's because Roger Butcher had played Bocket Hall in sunshine, but then drew the free-day ticket for Porters Park



FLASHING THE CASH... The 2010 Eclectic winners on parade; winner was Charles Wallis (centre); runner-up Craig Caswell (back, left) while four tied for third place (L-R) Kevin Johnston, Damien Turley, Robert Clayton and Peter Waters. They shared £135.

cap – all three being awarded equal first-paler prizes.

Low handicaps (Group 1) are cut one shot; mid handicaps (Group 2) are cut two shots; high handicappers (Group 3) are cut three shots.

The cuts last for 12 months. Handicaps are reviewed annually.

LOST & FOUND

STEVE Langridge lost a pair of reading glasses at our Xmas Scramble (put them in the wrong jacket), then Dave O'Brien mis-laid sun glasses at Bocket Hall.

Neither have since been found (so please check), but a Tartan club cover found by Tony Sando, has been claimed by a grateful John Tass.

All candidates for the Captain's charity?

Stan

PORTERS PARK GOLF CLUB

Shenley Hill, Radlett, Hertfordshire, WD7 7AZ Tel: 01923 854127

Friday April 1

Pro: David Gleeson

ENTRIES at least seven days in advance of the event. Email or ring Stan Kelley on 01992 586280 (Fax 01992 410696, Mobile 07702 363611)

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

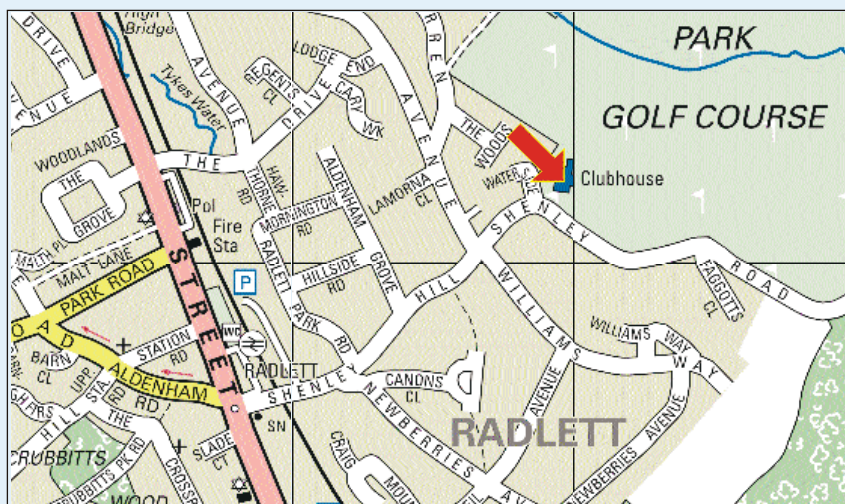
COMPETITION: 18 holes Singles Stableford playing for the **Bill Manton Memorial** trophy (holder: Captain David Grainge).

1st tee reserved from 12.30pm. Play from yellow tees as usual.

COST: £60 inclusive of prize table, Ball Sweep, waitress gratuity and Eclectic, plus coffee and bacon rolls on arrival, and two-course luncheon.

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

BUGGIES/TROLLEYS: No buggies but electric trolleys are available for hire.



HOW TO GET THERE: From Welywn Garden: Take A1, then A414 via St Albans and continue to start of M10. Do not go on to M10 but take first exit at roundabout for A5183 to Radlett. When in Radlett turn left at the second mini roundabout into Shenley Hill. Porters

Park is at top of the hill on the left.

From the North: M1-Turn off at Junction 7 on to the M10. After a couple of miles the road ends. Take 3rd exit off the roundabout following directions to Radlett on the A5183 (as before).