



HAVE tools, will travel. That has to be the kind of maxim adopted by captain Richard. That's because he's not only a plumber but also a roofer by trade.

Bit dodgy up a ladder in these gales. But what with all the floodwater, Richard's plumbing services will have been in big demand. (So no time for fishing then!)

WE enjoyed a great sunny day for our Xmas Scramble, but it's been almost non-stop rain ever since.

Just as well then that we've booked a super-drained venue to start our new season.

That's **Gog Magog**, famed for never closing for rain, due to the free draining chalk of the Gog Magog hills. It's a bit of a drive but a perfect "drive in" venue for our 2014 captain Richard Fobbester.

Your support will obviously be appreciated – but then everyone will appreciate the great price we have achieved to play this 'top 100' venue, on Thursday March 6. See Back Page.

### ANOTHER TOP 100

It's a 'top 100 course' again for our second venue, for we play **Ashridge** on Monday March 31. But do starve yourselves in preparation for their famous 4-course luncheon.

Maintaining our run of top courses, we then return to **John O'Gaunt** on Thursday May 8. This will be 18 holes on the main John O'Gaunt course, plus 11 holes on the Carthagea.

We then play the first of our new bookings – **Mid Herts**, Thursday June 12. This is one not to be missed, for they've given us a great introductory deal for our 27 holes.

It's then off to **Saffron**



**GONE FISHIN'...** Is that really our 2014 captain Richard Fobbester posing with an outsize carp? Well, he did say that fishing was his first love prior to taking up golf.

**Walden**, rated among the best tracks in Essex. Again, this is now being offered to us at a very reasonable price.

We enjoyed our biggest turnout of 2013 at **Canons Brook**. So not surprisingly we'll be back there on Wednesday August 13. What's more we'll again enjoy the same subsidised price.

Stunning **Toot Hill** is our next stop. That's on Tuesday September 16 – and the price will be unchanged yet again.

Wednesday November 5 we return to **Letchworth**. The standard of the course and quality of greens are a real credit to its staff.

And finally we return to **Knebworth** for our great

Xmas Scramble. The course and weather were superb last time (hardly seems possible it was little more than two months back), plus the food was amazing.

This and several other venues will once again be heavily subsidised – to around double your annual subscription fee – so take full advantage.

## PHIL AND ROGER SWEEP THE BOARD IN TITLE RACES



**TOAST IS...** Captain Roger presents engraved glassware to Phil Greenwold and Stan Kelley for their Pairs victory.

THERE was no stopping Phil Greenwold in the 2013 **Singles** and **Pairs**. But he had to settle for second place behind captain Roger for the **Player of Year** title.

Phil raced away with the Singles title and also won the Pairs practically single handed (I did little more than mark Phil's card as he played level par in most of our Pairs matches).

Roger's victory margin in the PoY was stunning. He finished on 213 which was 17 clear of runner-up Phil.



**GIVEN THE CHOP...** Phil Greenwold and trophy winner Roger Butcher axed the PoY field.



## CAPTAIN ENDS YEAR A WINNER

NOT only did captain Roger Butcher end the season with a record £2,710 charity cheque, but he led his team to victory in our Xmas Scramble.

The Scramble was played at Knebworth in glorious sunshine.

So not surprisingly scores were good. Three teams tied on 69, but they had to settle for joint 4th place, with the Captain's quartet scoring a cracking gross 64 – seven under par.

Supporting Roger were Clive Ackerman, Charles Wallis and new member

## NEW MEMBER

Huge welcome to Alan Parker, member Mill Green, playing off 12. He's introduced by Roger Butcher.



**BAGS OF PRIZES.** Everyone went home with a bagful of Xmas goodies, especially the captain's winning quartet: Clive, Roger, new boy Alan and Charles.

Alan Parker.

Runners-up on 67: David Grainge, Chris Ashbolt, Damien Turley and me Stan Kelley.

The three teams scoring 69: Gwyn Ellis, Colin Andrews, Harry Bracher, Steve Hickey. 4th (on countback)

69: Simon Purkiss, Bhupi Patel, Sid Platten, Graham Beetles. And 5th on countback: Dave O'Brien, Rob Clayton,

Robert Pegg and Brian West.

## FREE DAY MAN

Bhupi Patel came up trumps at our Xmas Scramble, for he not only finished among the leading teams, but also scored with the winning ticket for a free day at Gog Magog.



## ROB BACK IN HOSPITAL

AS I write (Feb 13th) our treasurer Rob Clayton is back in hospital with an out of control heartbeat.

An ECG suggested an even bigger problem, but an angiogram (a camera inserted through a artery into the heart) confirmed nothing else untoward.

"So book me in for Gog Magog" said delighted Rob.

*Stan*

# THE GOG MAGOG

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**ENTRIES** limited to 36 players, so please book early. Email via the website or ring Stan Kelley on 01992 586280 or Mobile 07702 36 36 11.

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

**COMPETITIONS:** 18 holes Singles Shelford, playing for the **Spring Plate** (holder: Michael Bench).

**MEET** from 8.45am for tea/coffee. TEE-OFF from 9.30am, 1st tee Old Course.

**COST:** Just £50 inclusive of prize table and Eclectic, raffle, ball Sweep and waitress service gratuity. Two-course lunch follows the 18 holes Spring Plate comp.

**SHELFORD BOTTOM, CAMBRIDGE CB22 3AB**



**DRESS:** Shorts if you like (those blue kneecaps will make a good picture!!!) Jackets 'n' BGS ties are a must for dinner as usual.  
**BUGGIES...** available from the pro shop but they only have a few so book early – cost £22.50. Electric trolleys £8

**HOW TO GET THERE:** The Gog Magog Golf Club is situated on the A1307 some four miles south of the centre of Cambridge and is easily accessed from London via the M11/A11.

Watch out, the entrance is really close to the roundabout

