

IT'S THE GREAT KNEBWORTH Golf Club



XMAS SCRAMBLE Thursday 30 November



DOUBLE TOP.. Bhupi not only won the President's Cup with a runaway victory, but also led the way to a huge team victory in the Crescendo. L-R: Trevor Downham, Ken Gordon, Bhupi Patel with captain Clive presenting.

UNBELIEVABLE. That was the verdict echoed by fellow Mill Green members, when it was announced that Bhupi Patel had scored 40 points to win the President's Cup at Letchworth.

The disbelief was more to do with his handicap. And I (Stan) can join in that handicap chorus, for Bhupi beat me 6&4 in the McMullen Singles championship final.

Bhupi was joined in the Crescendo by Ken Gordon and Trevor Downham who totalled an outrageous 80pts.

This is played best score for the first six holes; then two best scored for the next six holes; and finally all three scores for the final six holes.

Nearest to that the 80pts were two teams tied on 69. They were John Silverosa, Stan Kelley and John Waters, who got the verdict on count-back over Steve Langridge, John Hare and Graham Beettes.

Runner-up for the President's Cup was John Hare whose rare appearance re-

'FINE' PAIR OF SHOES



Following in the footsteps of others, Mike Goddard's attractive shoes attracted a £1 fine for charity.

warded with 38 points. Third with 34 was 'Mr Consistent' Robert Clayton.

It was a close run thing among the guests: Mick Dawson 30pts (*Micheal Goddard's invite*); Ian Mitchell 29 (*Peter Lacey*); Bob Hughes 28 (*Gary Sando*).

Nearest pins: 14th: Gary Sando, 17th Mike Barry.

GOOD 'N' BAD NEWS FOR CAPTAIN CLIVE

CLIVE Ackerman finished rock bottom last at Letchworth, which cost him £27 - £1 for every player he failed to beat.

The money goes to his charity.

The good news is that he still wins the **Player of the Year** trophy - that's because Clive's Letchworth score will be one of the three he gets to ditch.

Robert Pegg surged four

places up the final table, but three missed events made all the difference. And the same goes for Dave O'Brien who topped the table half way through the season.

But Dave missed Letchworth for good reason - his tiny dog (called Lottie) got badly savaged, and lost an eye.

See before and after pictures below. Dave's hand is



covered in blood and the protruding eye had to be removed.

PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

THE Singles title has been claimed by Bhupi, but the Concord Darts Pairs championship is still very much alive.

In the semi-finals, Steve Campbell and vice-captain Nick MacDermott beat Peter Lacey and Steve Temple 8 & 7.

This match was played at

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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

	Gog	Ash	SB	WG	OFM	TH	BS	L	Total
Clive Ackerman	20	25	9	16	25	18	21	3	109
John Silverosa	20	22	0	17	22	0	25	13	106
Steve Langridge	18	22	17	24	14	24	15	8	105
Robert Pegg	0	22	0	22	0	20	21	13	98
Gary Sando	11	22	0	24	16	21	13	6	96
Dave O'Brien	23	22	21	21	0	0	7	0	94
Stan Kelley	0	15	19	2	21	20	17	0	92
Robert Clayton	3	23	14	20	7	0	11	23	91
Sid Platten	24	8	0	14	0	0	24	21	91
David Grainge	11	1	0	12	21	23	15	18	89
Bhupi Patel	3	13	0	16	10	0	23	25	87
Peter Lacey	23	0	8	4	12	18	0	18	79
Michael Millen	5	10	19	25	10	13	4	0	77
Steve Temple	0	0	25	12	18	10	8	73	
Tim Dent	23	13	14	0	18	0	0	0	68
Colin Andrews	1	0	22	0	24	0	17	0	64
Ken Gordon	7	25	10	0	0	0	0	21	63
Ted Platten	25	6	0	9	13	8	3	0	61
Gwyn Ellis	16	15	25	0	0	0	0	0	56
Charles Wallis	14	0	8	0	21	7	0	6	56
Steve Foster	18	1	17	0	0	0	0	19	55
Harry Bracher	25	6	0	9	13	8	3	0	51
Steve Hickey	0	0	14	12	0	0	0	22	48
Damien Turley	1	1	0	7	16	22	0	0	47
John Hare	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	24	44
Peter Waters	0	11	0	0	11	0	21	0	43
Simon Purkiss	13	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	38
Steve Campbell	5	1	0	9	0	0	21	0	36

NOT TO BE MISSED - OUR GREAT CHRISTMAS SCRAMBLE

FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST, golf and Xmas Dinner, plus loads of prize goodies – and all for a fantastic bargain price.

We're talking about our BIG event of the year – the Xmas Scramble. And our greatly reduced price is about as rare as hen's teeth (or should that be turkey teeth?)

Thanks to Knebworth and quite a bit of subsidy from funds, it means members will be paying only £55 (guests £55). And that includes at least £10 of goodies.

NOT played with us lately? Then now's the time to get back in the swing!



Make the effort. We need your support – and let's face it you really can't go wrong being in a team with **four** of you having a go at every shot and putt!

Guests are welcome as usual to join in the thrills and spills of this fun game. It's teams-of-four comprising (near as possible) one low handicapper, one high (20+) and two middle men. Every team is therefore

more or less level so there are no handicaps – you all play off scratch! And scoring is stroke play.

But it's a *scramble* which means you select your best tee shot, then everyone plays from that spot. You do the same even on the putting green. The one exception is when the chosen ball is in the rough or a bunker, in which case you drop the ball in that bunker or

the rough of course.

Remember, you have to use a minimum four tee shots from every player though.

This is our 21st annual Christmas Scramble and to help get you get in the festive spirit you'll see the tables laden with Christmas fayre and prizes for all.

It all starts with a handsome breakfast served from 8.30am. We then get hip flasks ready for 18 holes of fun Texas Scramble, after which you stoke-up again... with Xmas dinner.

And we all know what's for afterwards... the hullabaloo of the prizegiving.

Merry Christmas.

Our AGM is being held after the Xmas Scramble at Knebworth. **Want to make a proposal?** Then please call to have it added to the Agenda; new proposals will NOT be allowed on the day – Call Stan 01992 586280.

THAT'LL BE MY XMAS CHEER...

Mike Moren has good reason to smile, for that ticket gives him a lot of freebies – free breakfast, free golf, free Xmas dinner and free prizes – all wrapped in our Xmas Scramble.



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Burstead Golf Club, Billericay, where, having halved the first hole, Messrs Campbell and MacDermott feared they were in for a "hard match, considering the number of shots we were conceding".

"But we surprisingly dovetailed perfectly to take the next 4 holes."

Steve Temple took the 6th, so a fight back seemed to be on, but it was a one-off. for Cam and Mac won the next five holes and we shook hands on the 11th green.

That puts them in the championship final, against Simon Light and me (Stan).

Date for that final is Thursday November 23.



BALLS... An amusing notice seen at Letchworth:

St Andrews Golf Club
Will members please refrain from washing their balls in the sink; the Stewards wife will oblige with a damp cloth if required – By Order Col Willouby Hunter-Dunn

DEAD HEAT

THE **Eclectic** was a dead heat last year – and again this year. So Dave O'Brien and Captain Clive share the top £60 prize.

Table:

- 55pts Clive Ackerman, Dave O'Brien
- 54 John Silverosa
- 53 Mick Millen, Bhupi Patel, Gary Sando
- 51 Sid Platten, Stan Kelley, Steve Langridge, Peter Lacey, Gary Sando,
- 50 Ken Gordon
- 49 David Grainge, Gwyn Ellis, Temple
- 48 Robert Clayton, Robert Pegg, John Hare, John Waters
- 47 Colin Andrews
- 46 Tim Dent, Ted Platten, Charles Wallis
- 45 Harry Bracher, Steve Campbell, Steve Foster, Peter Waters

Stan

IT'S THE BIG XMAS SCRAMBLE

at KNEBWORTH



Deards End Lane, Knebworth, SG3 6NL. Pro Shop: 01438 812757

Thursday November 30, 2017

ENTRIES via the BGS website (via an email link) or phone Stan Kelley 01992 586280 or 07702 363611. As always, a minimum £20 penalty applies for any cancellations within three days of the event.

COMPETITION: 18 holes Texas Scramble, played as a Medal, not Stableford. At least four tee shots must be used from every player.

TEE TIMES: 1st tee reserved from 9.30am.

COST: £50 (£55 for guests) which includes a **hefty subsidy**. It's prizes for everyone, plus full English breakfast from 8.30am, Christmas Dinner, plus gratuity, plus the ball sweep/lucky dip for free day at Gog Magog next year.

DRESS: Jacket 'n' BGS tie for dinner. Please advise guests to be suited and booted.

MOBILE PHONES not permitted in the clubhouse or on the course.

BUGGIES: Might be available, but unlikely.

HOW TO GET THERE: From the A1(M) – Leave the A1(M) at Junction 7 and follow the signs for the A602. At the second roundabout turn right towards Knebworth on the B197.

Before entering the village at the top of a hill, turn right into Deards End Lane, and the golf club is just 50 yards along on the right.