

# Bengeo Golf Society

Captain: ROBERT CLAYTON



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**EVERY ONE A WINNER...** even Steve Temple (centre) who's giving his envelope the x-ray eye treatment to see how much is inside. L-R: Roger Bukin (winner Group 3), captain Robert, who won the Three Club Trophy, and back-to-back winners Steve (Group 2) and newcomer Phil Greenwold (Group 1) who lifted the Eric Attfield Cup. Right: This really is a dog's life... It's Dave O'Brien's, so small that it goes in the pocket of his bag!

*Hi all* TWO clubs and putter are better than a full bag... just ask captain Robert Clayton.

He won the **Three Club trophy** with four points to spare at North Middlesex, but could do little right with 14 clubs in the afternoon singles.

Worse still, that afternoon round doubled as his singles knockout – which he lost 2&1 to Andy Alexander.

Talk about topsy turvy. Andy totalled just 9pts in the Three Club, yet he came to life in the afternoon with 34 points – second best score of the day.

That morning nine holes saw Robert score 19 points, enough to win the Three Club Trophy with four points to spare over runner-up Harry Collins with 16 points.

**FINED**  
 Richard Fobbester had an awful round at North Middlesex, except for one hole which he eagled for FIVE points. The Capt fined him of course

Massimo Dentice followed third (on countback) with 15.

Although on the short side, the full 18 holes of North Middlesex proved a tough nut to crack. This was due largely to its tight and hilly nature, while greens with wicked borrows beckoned dreaded three putts.

However, Phil Greenwold, Mill Green's new captain, who had already been cut for winning our previous event, top scored again with 36 points off 7. That puts the **Eric Attfield Cup** in his trophy cabinet, plus a few quid for to winning Group 1 (handicaps 0-12).

It was also a same-again winner in Group 2 (13-20) for 30 points by Steve Temple proved enough to

scoop the prize once more. But Group 3 (21+) went to Roger Bukin – winner of the Three Club trophy the two previous years – who notched 32 points.

Guest winner: John Aldridge from East Herts (guest of John Tass) with 31 points off 11.

Nearest pins: 6th Phil Greenwold; 16th Andy Alexander.

## AUCTION RAISES £££s

CAPTAIN Robert auctioned a Spurs

**WHO NEEDS 14 CLUBS...** Captain Robert displays the Three Club trophy in which he slaughtered the field.



**NOTE**  
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ticket at North Middlesex – and had the Sando brothers bidding against one another.

The ticket was for Tottenham's the last match of the season versus Man City, for which Tony Sando very generously bid £60 – all in aid of the Captain's charity.

The charity – Sarcoma Trust in memory of a lovely lady who died last year aged just 25 from this aggressive cancer – was boosted by a further £55 in 'fines'. That totalled £115 on the day

## ARE YOU SURE YOU READ IT?

I GOT a call from a member asking: "Who am I playing in the KO and what's the date of our next venue?"

I replied: Did you read the Newsletter I sent out? "Yes," he said.

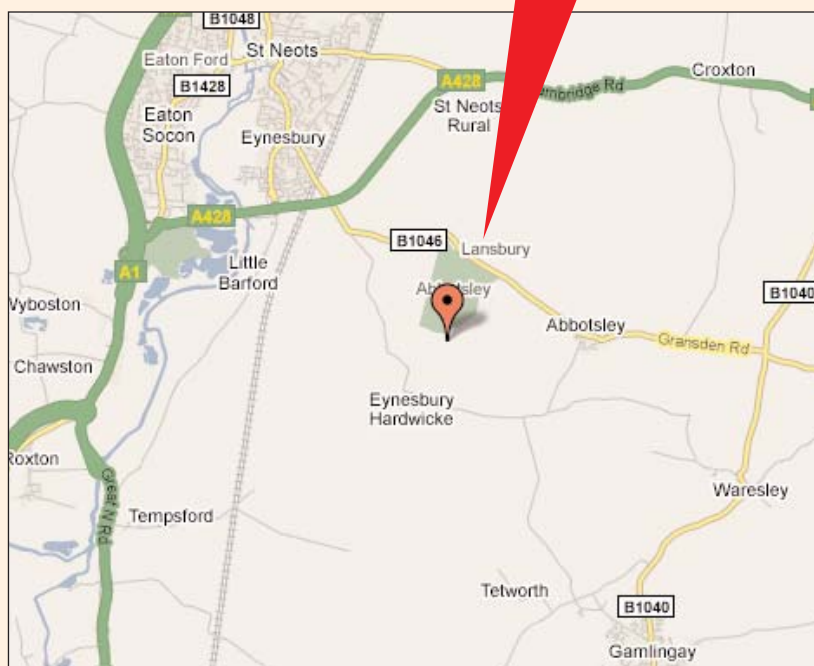
Well, all the dates and players are in there, I said, including a warning to read

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...** Wednesday June 3 Abbotsley .... Thursday July 2 Saffron Walden .... Thursday August 6 John O'Gaunt...  
 Wednesday September 2 Aspley Guise.... Sun/Mon Sept 27/28 De Vere Dunston Hall Hotel, Norwich.... Monday November 2 at Gog Magog.

# ABBOTSLEY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

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**ENTRIES** seven days in advance of the event please (**Limit of 36 players**). Email or ring **Steve Langridge** 01438 718747 (*Mobile 07963 196437*) [steve@langridge.plus.com](mailto:steve@langridge.plus.com)

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

**COMPETITIONS:** 9 holes greensome Stableford playing for the **Greensome Cup** (*holders: Brian and Martyn West*). **NOTE:** Play from the 10th tee which is reserved from 9.04am

Afternoon: 18 holes Singles Stableford playing for the **Dennis Sando Cup** (*holder: Craig Caswell*). 1st tee reserved from 12.16pm. Play from yellow tees.

**COST:** You get the prize table, £5 ball sweep, coffee and bacon rolls (from 8am), lunch, dinner, even the gratuities for waitress service – all for a bargain £69.

**BUGGIES:** £20 per round.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Leave the A1M and follow the signs for Cambridge A428. At the Tesco roundabout turn left (if you are coming from Cambridge, turn right at this roundabout). At the next main roundabout, turn right into Cromwell Road and then right at the traffic lights into Potton Road.

After approximately one mile the road bears shallow left, do not follow this but carry straight on. Abbotsley Hotel, Golf and Country Club is approximately a quarter of a mile on the left hand side.

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the Rules etc on the website, which includes who the home player is.

All that's in the Newsletter, so why are you ringing me?

"No, you're right, I didn't read it, but it's a lot easier ringing you," he exclaimed.

Does that ring a bell?

## THRILLER KNOCKOUTS

FIRST round of the **McMullen Singles and Concorde Pairs** produced several thrills and spills. Tightest so far is Gary Sando v Steve Temple, which ended in true drama.

With never more than one hole in it at Canons Brook, they were level going to the 18th where Gary had a putt for the match. But not only did he miss it, but he three-putted which handed the match to steady Steve.

Peter Waters v Damien Turley at Gt Hadham:

Tight all the way, this was another match ending 1-up in favour of Peter.

David Grainge v Colin Andrews at Gt Hadham:

Just three weeks earlier David had been whisked into

PLAYER OF THE YEAR					
Sponsored by Paul Jezard's SHC Bars-Carlsberg					
Your best FIVE scores out of eight to count, so you can miss three events					
	AP	BP	NM	AS	Total
Stan Kelley	24	22	22	-	68
Phil Greenwold	16	25	25	-	66
Damien Turley	25	23	17	-	65
Steve Temple	16	20	22	-	58
Rob Clayton	23	19	14	-	56
Roger Bukin	-	19	23	-	42
Craig Caswell	23	8	9	-	40
Rob Groves	21	-	18	-	39
Scott Ruskin	19	19	-	-	38
Bob Pegg	16	19	-	-	35
Andy Alexander	10	-	24	-	34
David Grange	19	15	-	-	34

It takes some believing that I (Stan) am topping the list. But right on my heels are maximum 25 points event winners Phil Greenwold

(twice) and Damien. This is early days though – and the table will doubtless come in for a big reshuffle before too long.

hospital for a heart operation. Amazingly, he beat his handicap – and took out Colin 2&1.

Peter Waters & David Grainge v Gary Sando & Roger Bukin at Gt Hadham:

This proved another nail-biter for Peter and David, for it was yet another final hole clincher.

Gwyn Ellis & Robert Clayton v Chris Murray & Stan Kelley at Mill

Green: Gwyn opened up eagle, birdie and went on to add two more birdies, plus another from Robert. My partner Chris replied with a couple which meant we were only two down at the turn, but rampant Robert and Gwyn wrapped it up 4&3.

Tony Sando & Richard Fobbester v Rob Groves & Brian Reid at Canons Brook:

Just one down after nine,



**WHO'S A LUCKY BOY THEN?** **Graham Beetles shows off his ticket to Abbotsley – that's a free day on June 3 after winning the draw at North Middlesex.**

Tony and Richard faded under the onslaught of their opponents, especially 'hot' Rob who steered to a 4&2 verdict.

Phil Greenwold & Andy Alexander v Barry & Scott Ruskin at Mill Green:

Phil confessed to suffering a backlash after winning at North Middlesex, while Scott was also out of touch. But handy Andy was just too good for battling Barry, edging the match 2&1.

Clive Ackerman & Damien Turley v John McNaughton & Brian West at Nazeing:

There was never more than one hole in it until visitors John and Brian went two-up at the 15th. But the home team hit back to win the final three holes, including a birdie for Damien at 16.

*Stan*

## HEART GETS DAVID BACK ON COURSE

Three weeks after major heart surgery David Grainge has made an amazing recovery – and even managed to win his Bengo Society singles match this week.

"I was fitted with a pacemaker 12 years ago, but my irregular heart beat was getting worse and out of control."

David was whisked into hospital where they

discovered that the cause was some electrical nodes on the heart (they keep the heart beating) were miss-firing.

During a four-hour operation the surgeons managed to zap most rogue nodes by laser. "I felt I'd been hit by a truck the following day," said David. "But playing golf so soon afterwards is brilliant."