



**Captain:**  
**NICK**  
**MacDERMOTT**

**Next meeting:**  
**Friday**  
**May 11**  
**MILL GREEN**

**Entries to**  
**Secretary**  
**Stan Kelley**

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## **MORE FIXTURES**

**Wednesday**  
**June 6**  
**CANONS BROOK**

**CAPTAIN'S DAY**  
**Monday**  
**July 16**  
**OLD FOLD**  
**MANOR**

**Wednesday**  
**August 15**  
**ABRIDGE**

**Thursday**  
**September 27**  
**BISHOP'S**  
**STORTFORD**

**Monday**  
**November 5**  
**LETCHWORTH**

**Monday**  
**December 3**  
**KNEBWORTH**

IT was a dead heat for first place, with even the front and back nines being tied. At stake was the **Bill Manton cup** – and reigning champion Clive Ackerman wasn't letting it go lightly.

There was a cold breeze at classy Ashridge, but at least the rain held off.

Past captain Clive, who was standing in for captain Nick Mac-

# It's tight at the top

Dermott, was all for presenting the trophy to himself for the second year running.

Alas, he had to settle for third place, for there was no catching Gary Sando and David Grainge who were tied on 37 points.

They were also tied on the front and back

nines – and were only separated on the last three holes.

The verdict – and winner of the Bill Manton Claret Jug – went the way of 14 handicap David Grainge, who made seven pars including the tough 9th and 18th holes.

Had past captain

Clive not bobbled the 18th, he would have made a three-way tie instead of third place on 34 points.

Clive scored *nearest pin* at the 3rd, while I (Stan Kelley) was nearest at the 16th. Amazingly, both Clive and I birdied them.



**PRIZE TRIO...** David Grainge, third-placed Clive Ackerman and nearly man Gary Sando

## **CAPT NICK HAS A LET-OFF**

ONLY nine players beat the captain's nominated stableford score at Ashridge, which means Nick MacDermott pays £9 of the total of £80 going to the Herts and Essex Air Ambulance.

## **WELCOME**

..to Ian Mitchell, a member Essendon Fairly new to golf, his handicap is 28. Ian is introduced by Peter Lacey



## **WELCOME TO MILL GREEN**

PETER Alliss and Clive Clark designed the Mill Green course, whose creativity and technical expertise can be felt on every hole of the 6,615 yards of this par 72 course.

This welcoming golf

club is set in over 200 acres of Hertfordshire's finest countryside – and we play there next week (details overleaf).

The clubhouse was rebuilt in August 2004 to a contemporary specification, allowing golfers to relax in comfortable surroundings with a touch of elegance

It's a challenging track including many water features, large bunkers, trees and expansive greens.

The front nine, which plays towards the small village of Mill

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## **New Rule for 2019**

THREE minutes will be the maximum allotted time to search for a ball, rather than the current five minutes

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Green itself, is both open and undulating, and by comparison the back nine plays directly towards Hertford and is noted for its narrow fairways which work their way through some ancient woodland and large lakes.



**CONSOLATION PRIZE...** *He just missed out retaining the trophy, but Clive Ackerman made up for it by having the winning free days ticket.*

## PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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

WHO would have thought it... Stan Kelley top of the table – and that's with just a third and fourth.

You have to go to joint third for a Maximum 25 points – our Ashridge top boys, David and Gary.

	Gog	Ash	Tot
Stan Kelley	23	22	45
Tim Taylor	20	22	42
David Grainge	16	25	41
Gary Sando	16	25	41
John Waters	22	17	39
John Silverosa	24	12	36
Trevor Downham	22	13	35
John Hare	16	19	35
Robert Clayton	25	8	33
Roger Butcher	20	12	32
Ray Whitehead	20	8	28
Graham Beetles	9	17	26
Steve Langridge	10	15	25
Clive Ackerman	0	23	23
Tim Dent	0	22	22
Bhupi Patel	16	5	21
Peter Lacey	20	0	20
Harry Bracher	0	18	18
Michael Millen	12	4	16
Phil Houston	0	15	15

## McMULLEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

**RULES and play dates on the website**

**Nick MacDermott versus Stan Kelley**

**David Grainge Bye**

**Gary Sando versus Steve Temple**

**Clive Ackerman Bye**

**Steve Campbell versus Ian Mitchell**

**Peter Lacey versus Bob Hughes**

**Bhupi Patel versus Trevor Downham**

**John Waters Bye**

## CONCORD PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

**Deadlines to play – [www.bengeogolfsociety.org.uk](http://www.bengeogolfsociety.org.uk)**

**Steve Langridge/Ken Gordon Bye**

**Steve Temple/Peter Lacey Bye**

**Clive Ackerman/David Grainge Bye**

**Tim Dent/Bhupi Patel v. Gary Sando/Mick Millen**

**Simon Light/Stan Kelley Bye**

**John Waters/Trevor Downham Bye**

**Robert Clayton/Gwyn Ellis Bye**

**Nick MacDermott/Steve Campbell Bye**

# MILL GREEN GOLF CLUB

**Gypsy Lane,  
Welwyn  
Garden  
City AL7 4TY**

**Pro shop:  
01707 276900**

**FRIDAY  
MAY 18**

**ENTRIES** at least seven days in advance of the event please. Email via the website or ring Stan Kelley on 01992 586280 (*Mobile 07702 363611*)

**Cancellation rule:** Minimum £20 penalty (full cost at some courses) for cancelling within three days of event (be sure to advise guests).

**COMPETITION:** 18 holes Stableford playing for the **ERIC ATTFIELD MEMORIAL CUP** (holder: Gwyn Ellis).

**MEET** from 9am for

tea/coffee and bacon baguettes. First tee reserved from 10am. Play from the yellow markers as usual.

**COST:** £50 includes prizes, hot bacon baguettes on arrival and lunch. (Vegetarians please advise)

**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 as usual.

**MOBILE phones** not permitted on the course or in clubhouse. Phone messages accepted at pro shop (as above).

**BUGGIES** bookable at the Pro Shop @ £20.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Leave the A1(M) at Junction 4 and take the A414 to Hertford.

Take the first exit off



the dual carriageway and at the traffic lights, turn left toward Welwyn Garden City. Take the second right in Ascot

Lane. At the mini roundabout turn right into Gypsy Lane and then turn right to the golf club.