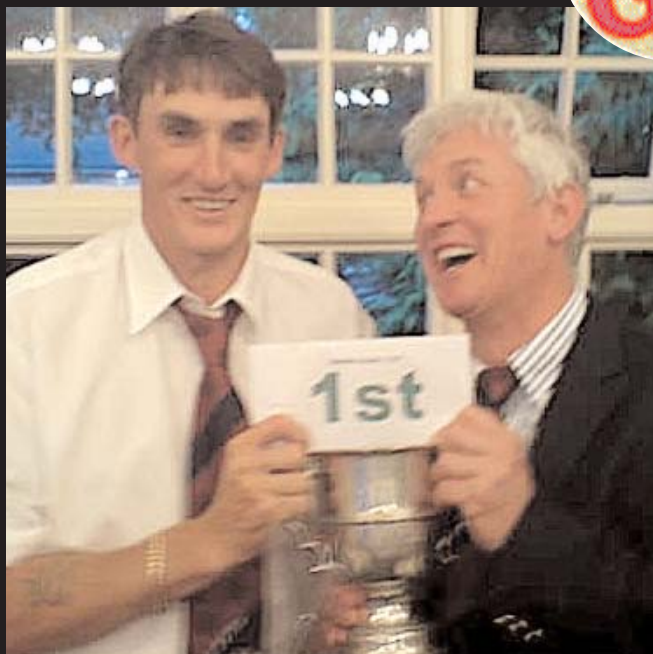


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Captain: DAVE O'BRIEN



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THAT'S TWO CUPS... Captain Dave O'Brien is saying to winner Craig Caswell, so fill this one with champagne!



Brian West carried son Martyn in the Greensome, then went on to make second place in the Dennis Sando Cup

Pictures: MARTYN WEST'S MOBILE PHONE

TAKES some believing, but only three members managed to make 30 points at Old Fold Manor – a mere 10% of the field.

Well, that might not be so bad, for the course was being made ready as a qualifier for the Open Championship.

The **Dennis Sando Cup** was up for grabs and Craig Caswell made no mistake by carding 36 points. That's two cups in Craig's trophy cabinet already this year, for he also lifted the Bill Manton Cup two months earlier at Brookman's Park.

Brian West is making the most of his new hip joint (inserted 18 months earlier), for he not only bagged second place with 35

points, but also won the Greensome Cup – more of which later. followed by two pairings on 20 points. Sneaking third place on countback were Captain Dave O'Brien and Sut Panchi, followed by Peter Waters and Harry Collins.

THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN CALLING

Our next venue is Thursday July 17 at **Saffron Walden** – and it's **Captain's Day!**

And Dave O'Brien is lining up loads of goodies to play for.

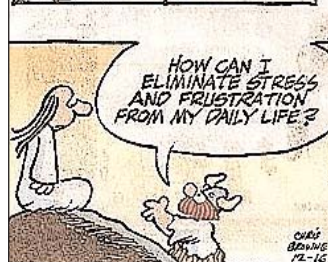
The morning round will be a team event in which the best two Stableford scores count for each hole, plus there will be a team **Yellow Ball**.

Starting with the lowest handicap, each player takes it in turn to play the yellow ball (instead of his own ball of course) and the score is recorded on a separate card. But be sure not to lose the Yellow Ball or your team will be disqualified.

We play for the **Captain's Cup** in the afternoon, 18 holes Singles stableford. But there will be a novel *straightest* drive, plus nearest pins prizes on all four par-3s. But to ensure that no one wins more than one prize, the par-3 18th will be used as a tie-breaker. We'll be measuring sev-

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This is from your Captain!



Ivan Pettit was in the frame once more by making third place with 34 points.

Guests did a lot better on average. Massimo, an 18-handicap guest of Graham Beetles and Terry Fuller, recorded the day's highest score of 37 points. And Gary Sando's guest, Richard Fobbester, followed with 30 points.

Nearest Pins: 10th hole Mike Tucker; 14th hole 3-handicapper Simon Purkiss who was the *only* player to hold the green.

Mr "Hippy" Brian West teamed up with his son Martyn and claimed the **Greensome Cup** with an enormous nine-hole score 24 points.

Nearest to them were Royston's Graham Beetles and Terry Fuller with 21,

WELCOME
 ...to new member Paul Jezard. He's a member of Elton Furze, Peterborough, and introduced by Martyn West



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-eral balls on the 18th, just in case.

SAFFRON WALDEN are giving us the same great **£10 reduction** we've enjoyed for the past three years, which means we are able to peg the price to £57.

That price is all in anticipation of a big BGS turn-out of course (here's hoping I didn't lie?)

Saffron Walden was formed way back in 1919. It was then only 9 holes and 2,210 yards, until more land was acquired in 1929.

It then was re-vamped with the help of six times Open champion Harry Vardon (he of the Vardon grip), but despite the re-vamp it was still only nine holes.

In those days very few people played (how amazed would they be now?) so the fact that it was still only 9 holes suited demand at the time.

However, in 1968 additional land was acquired from the adjacent Audley End estate (see our picture) and the course eventually extended to 18 holes by 1975.

Today the course is a picturesque and challenging 6,600 yards and rated the toughest in Essex.

PAIRS Championship: Gwyn Ellis and Robert Clayton travelled to Stamford, only to be KO'd 4&2 by Peter and James Zimmer-Smith.

But on Wednesday July 2 the Zimmer-Smiths found Craig Caswell and Steve Temple slightly tougher nuts to crack.

Steve parred five par-3s of the Milton track in Stamford, yet the match was still all square after 15 holes. James then birdied 16 and also sneaked 17 to close out the match 2&1.

Sadly, reigning Pairs champions Mike Alldridge and Joe McGuire have given a walkover to Martyn West and Jason Turner – without defending their title for even one round.

Martin and Jason now play Graham Beetles and Terry Fuller, hopefully at Saffron Walden during Captain's Day.

In the **McMullen Singles championship** Stan Kelley (that's me) beat Martyn West 1-up at East Herts.

Big-hitting Martyn was able to reach the par-5s in two, added to which he slotted three birdies, including the toughest hole on the course. But there was never more than one hole in it, thanks to my getting *Stan* four shots.

Player of the Year

Title based on your best five out of eight placings. Full listings on: www.bengeogolfsociety.org.uk

Looking at the best three placings (out of four venues played so far), **Craig Caswell** is the clear leader with **six** points. He was 1st at Brookmans Park, 1st again at Old Fold Manor, plus 4th at Ashridge (Craig's fourth score was 22nd at Letchworth).

In second place is **Brian West** with 14 points – 2nd, 3rd and 9th (his other score is 11th). Then we have **Rob Clayton** with 17, **Peter Waters** 19 and **Martin West** and **Capt Dave** on 25 apiece.

There are also a few notable scores from just two outings... **Simon Purkiss** and **Harry Collins** who both total 8 positional points, plus **Bill Bridgewater** on 12. But they really need to play in all of the remaining events to consolidate their strong position.

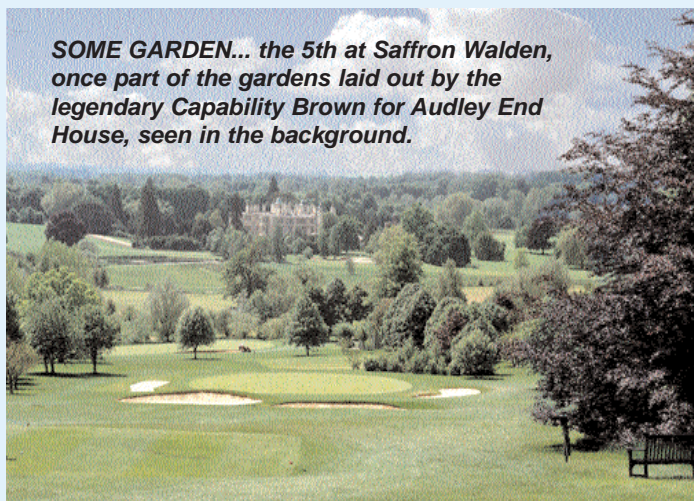
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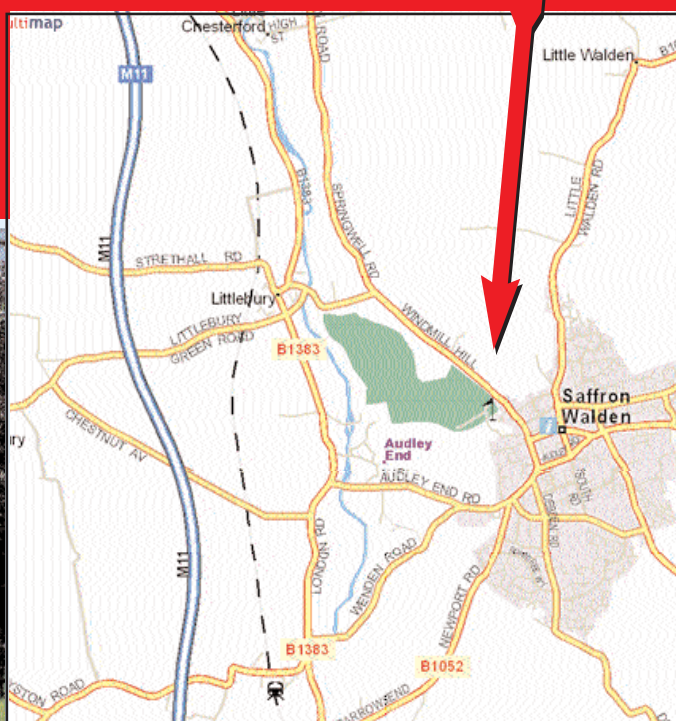
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Thursday 17 July



SOME GARDEN... the 5th at Saffron Walden, once part of the gardens laid out by the legendary Capability Brown for Audley End House, seen in the background.



ENTRIES seven days in advance please. Book to play via the Bengeo website or phone Stan Kelley on 01992 586280, mobile 07702 363611.
Cancellation rule: Minimum £20 penalty (full cost at some courses) for cancellations within 3 days of the event
COMPETITIONS: *Morning:* Nine holes **Captain's Day** team

event, best two scores each hole, plus Yellow Ball team card
Afternoon: 18 holes Singles Stableford playing for the **CAPTAIN'S CUP** (HOLDER **MIKE ALLDRIDGE**).
MEET from 8.30am for coffee. First tee reserved from 9am and again at 12.15pm. Play from the yellow markers.

COST: £57 includes prizes and swindle, coffee on arrival, lunch and carvery dinner. (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 for dinner as usual.

MOBILE phones not permitted on the course or in clubhouse. Phone messages accepted at pro shop (as above).
BUGGIES. Please book via Stan. Electric trolleys £7 per round.
HOW TO GET THERE: If choosing the M11 route, then exit Junction 9, then the B1383.