

Bengeo Golf Society

Captain: DAVE O'BRIEN



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Pictures from the phone of CLIVE ACKERMAN

THE TOAST IS... In the shadow of Brookman's Park clubhouse, Craig Caswell receives the Bill Manton claret jug – and six bottles to go with it – from Robert Clayton, standing in for the captain. Rob was also right up there making third place.

Greetings...

THE forecast was rain, but Brookmans Park proved to be a ray of sunshine, with none hotter than Craig Caswell who burned up the course with 41 points.

Craig's score could have been quite a bit higher, for he recorded just one point for the last two par-4s.

The course was superbly presented, especially considering it was so early in the season (April 2), which might account for two more guys comfortably beating their handicaps.



WINED & DINED... Graham Beetles sneaked second – but will be fined for no tie

They were Graham Beetles and vice-captain Robert Clayton who both returned 38 points, but Graham clinched the second-place verdict on count-back.

But Rob got the last laugh. He was standing in for captain Dave O'Brien (holiday) and boosted the captain's charity by fining everyone who failed to beat his score – and that included Gram Beetles of course.

New member Ken Hart (introduced by Graham Beetles) finished just out of the prizes with 37 points, followed by four more

recording 36 points – Martyn West, Karl Bukin, Ralph Chambers and Mill Green captain Gwyn Ellis.

Guests: Richard Fobbester 32 points, Paul Jezzard 24.

Nearest pins: 6th Gary Sando, 15th Martyn West

This is a Terrible man, but whose eyes are those hiding behind the glasses?



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Wednesday June 18 Old Fold Manor... CAPTAIN'S DAY, Thursday July 17 Saffron Walden... Thursday August 14 John O'Gaunt... Wednesday September 3 Aspley Guise & Woburn Sands... Sun/Mon September 28/29 Dunston Hall... Monday December 8 East Herts

CRAIG Caswell's Brookman's Park victory puts him top of the **Player of the Year** table. His one point for being placed 1st, plus fourth place at Ashridge, adds up to just five positional points for Craig.

Giving chase are Robert Clayton and Peter Waters on 9 and 10 points. But there is a long, long way to go, for it's your best **five** results that count – so all these guys can still trip up, while you pounce!

Yes, it's IVAN THE TERRIBLE

Back in the 16th century he divorced six women in 7 days. But our Ivan's (Pettit) only terrible deed was to beat us all to the draw for the free day at Letchworth, May 8.



LADIES ALLOWED?

AN Extraordinary General Meeting has been called to coincide with our Letchworth meeting.

Gary Sando, supported by Craig Caswell and Robert Clayton, would like us to allow ladies to join our society.

Gary was advised that there is already a very successful Bengo Ladies Golf Society, run specially by Les Pegram's wife, Mary. And it was further suggested that he should wait and put the question before the AGM in December.

However, Gary was not prepared to wait, hence the call for an EGM. He has two supporting votes but can he count on your support?

SHOCK KOs

THRILLS and spills in the **Singles and Pairs championships** included a one-hole victory for Rod Homer over Robert Clayton.

They were all square at the 18th but Robert missed a short putt (one of many on the day) that would have meant extra holes.

Peter Waters, who won our first fixture at Ashridge, found himself two down after just three holes against Gary Sando at at Briggins Hall.

But Peter eventually turned it around to win 2 and 1.

Were John McNaughton and Brian West counting their chickens after storming to a 5-up lead at the turn against Roger Bukin and Gary Sando?

Well, they hung on to their lead until the 12th OK, but that's when Gary and Roger started a charge.

That lead was rapidly whittled down to two and Brian admitted: "We were having some jitters standing on the 17th. But we managed to win the hole so were home and dry (3&1). Phew!"

Harry Collins and Rod Homer have been given a walkover by Colin Andrews after being unable to contact his partner Leigh Bembrick, who had made last minute cancellations to two agreed dates.

Stan

Player of the Year

(Title based on your best **five** out of eight scores. But you must compete in five).

This table looks very confusing, but the lead players are obviously those who have played in **both** of our events so far.

Pos	Member	Ash	BP	Total
1st	Graham Beetles	-	2nd	= 2
2nd	Harry Bracher	4th	-	= 4
	Ken Hart	-	4th	= 4
4th	Martyn West	-	5th	= 5
	Craig Caswell	4th	1st	= 5
	Karl Bukin	-	5th	= 5
7th	Bill Bridgewater	7th	-	= 7
	Chris Murray	7th	-	= 7
9th	David Morris	-	9th	= 9
	Rob Clayton	7th	2nd	= 9
11th	Peter Waters	1st	9th	= 10
	Barry Pasby	10th	-	= 10
13th	Dave O'Brien	11th	-	= 11
14th	James Zimmer-Smith	-	13th	= 13
15th	Brian West	3rd	11th	= 14
16th	John McNaughton	16th	-	= 16
	Gwyn Ellis	11th	5th	= 16
	John Hobbs	16th	-	= 16
19th	Mike Tucker	-	17th	= 17
	Peter Zimmer-Smith	-	17th	= 17
	Paul Morris	-	17th	= 17
22nd	Terry Fuller	2nd	17th	= 19
23rd	Gordon Morris	-	21st	= 21
	Roger Bukin	-	21st	= 21
25th	Les Pegram	22nd	-	= 22
	Barry Ruskin	22nd	-	= 22
27th	Harry Collins	11th	13th	= 24
28th	Dan Todd	-	25th	= 25
	David Grainge	4th	21st	= 25
	Terry Jackson	25th	-	= 25
	Ivan Pettit	-	25th	= 25
32nd	Colin Andrews	15th	11th	= 26

LETCWORTH GARDEN CITY

Letchworth Lane, Letchworth
Garden City, Herts SG6 3NQ

Thursday May 8

Pro shop: 01462 682713

ENTRIES: Register to play via the Bengo website or phone Stan Kelley on 01992 586280 (Fax 01992 410696, Mobile 07702 36 3611).

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

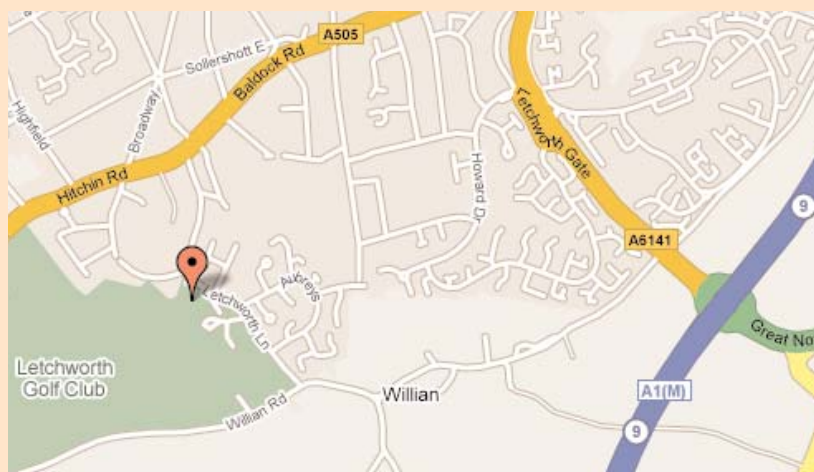
COMPETITIONS: 9 holes Singles Stableford playing for the **Three Club Trophy** (holder Roger Bukin).

Take only your putter and two clubs on to the course.

Afternoon: 18 holes Singles Stableford playing for the **Eric Attfield Memorial Cup** (holder: Steve Temple).

TEE times: 8.30am 10th tee, then 11.30am from the 1st tees.

COST: £65 inclusive of tea/coffee on arrival, lunch and three-course evening meal with coffee. Price inclusive of prize table.



BUGGIES. One already booked – check with Stan.

HOW TO GET THERE: A1 Junction 9. Don't go to Letchworth, but turn

sharp left to Willan Village and on through, baring right into Letchworth Lane. Alternatively go via the A505 Hitchin Road.

MOBILE PHONES: Total ban outside of car park.

DRESS: Jacket and your BGS tie for dinner.