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Monday
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It's new Bengeo record for David

DAVID Grainge created a new BGS record at Canons Brook by winning both of the nearest pin prizes.

And we had dead heat for the **Dennis Sando Cup** between John Hare and Tim Dent.

David's wine winning holes were the 5th and 12th, but only three players managed better than 31 points.

They included Phil Houston, making an understandably rare visit (he travels all the way from Peterborough) and he scored 36 points. Plus we had Tim Dent and John Hare recording 37 points apiece and having to be separated on countback.

Tim got the verdict – and the Dennis Sando trophy.

Surprisingly there was only one birdie between them. That was made by John at the par-5 16th, but he ultimately lost out with seven bogeys on that back nine.

Nearest to these three were four players all recording 31 points... new boy Bob Hughes, Harry Bracher, Sid Platten and John Silverosa.

SINGLES and PAIRS

During our game at Canons Brook, Bhupi Patel and Trevor Downham played their opening



Tom Watson's last hurrah at St Andrews.

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round of the **McMullen Singles championship**. It went all the way to the 18th before Bhupi prevailed.

"I was rubbish", admitted Bhupi, who won the championship last year.

But his game was still off when, a couple of weeks later, he played his second round against John Waters.

Despite his loss of form, Bhupi is the reigning champion and playing and drawn at his own Mill Green course. Yet the red hot favourite crashed out to John Waters 5&4.

"I reckon that's the best I've ever played," says John who scored 40 points at Ashridge.

But that 'best ever' must be Continued overleaf



CHEERS TWICE OVER...David Grainge being congratulated by Clive Ackerman for winning both of the nearest pins at Canons

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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

DAVID Grainge takes over at the top of the table – and opens up a considerable gap ahead previous leader John Waters

Leaders:

	Gog	Ash	MG	GB	Tot
David Grainge	16	25	22	18	81
John Waters	22	17	25	9	73
Robert Clayton	25	8	19	17	69
Stan Kelley	23	22	13	9	67
John Silverosa	24	12	7	22	65
Harry Bracher	0	18	24	22	64
Ray Whitehead	20	8	22	13	63
John Hare	16	19	0	25	60
Roger Butcher	20	12	24	0	56
Clive Ackerman	0	23	12	17	52
Steve Langridge	10	15	17	7	49
Trevor Downham	22	13	0	13	48
Tim Dent	0	22	0	25	47
Michael Millen	12	4	11	17	44
Gary Sando	16	25	0	1	42
Tim Taylor	20	22	0	0	42
Bhupi Patel	16	5	17	3	41
Kevin Johnston	0	0	22	17	39
Phil Houston	0	15	0	23	38
Graham Beetles	9	17	0	7	33
Sid Platten	11	0	0	22	33
Peter Lacey	20	0	3	0	23
Steve Campbell	0	0	17	0	17
Tom Grainge	9	0	5	0	14
Mike Moren	0	9	0	5	14
Andrew Payne	0	0	0	13	13
Steve Foster	0	0	11	1	12
Nick MacDermott	0	11	0	11	11
Mike Barry	0	10	0	0	10
Ted Platten	6	0	0	4	10



ONE POINT... separated the top three, with Tim Dent (right) receiving the Dennis Sando Cup from Clive Ackerman. Tim and John Hare (left) both made 37 points, pipping Phil Houston's 36 points.

New rule



Drop from knee high

DROPPING PROCEDURE: When taking relief (either free drop or penalty drop), golfers will, from 2019, now drop from knee height.

This will ensure consistency and simplicity in the dropping process while also preserving the randomness of the drop.

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getting on for the norm, for John and pairs partner Trevor Downham went on to beat reigning Pairs champs Simon Light and Stan Kelley (that's me) at Brocket Hall.

John, who's off 23, was getting nine shots, yet repeatedly had the longest drive.

The visitors won the first two holes. Stan three-putted the 1st from six feet, then got blocked out to surrender the 2nd. Simon

lost balls on the first two holes; lost another on the fourth hole and went on to lose six balls in all.

Despite that it was nip and tuck all the way – and home pair hung on to John and Trevor until the last hole.

Result: 1-up to the visitors, who were doubly happy because Simon treated them to a free day's golf.

EARLY BATH

Gary Sando took an accidental early bath while playing against

Steve Temple at Essendon Country Club.

Steve was having an off day against on-form Gary who won 5&4 on the New Course. However, they decided to play the closing holes and on the 17th Gary's drive finished 18 inches from the edge of the picturesque lake.

"The game was over but I decided to play it," said Gary, "but on my backswing I slipped and fell in, all the way.

"The good thing is that I clung on to my seven iron," added Gary, "and is I then went on to par the 18th, dripping wet!"

Steve took the picture (left) showing Peter Lacey and Ian Mitchell who could hardly play for laughing.



WET, WET, WET... Gary Sando (hidden behind Ian Mitchell) after falling in the lake. Peter Lacey's laughing as Gary's ball is still 18ins from the water.

Ian Mitchell was given a walkover versus Steve Campbell

Gary Sando and Mick Millen were away again, this time at Nazeing playing in the Pairs, against Clive Ackerman and David Grainge.

The home pair went two-up twice, but then lost it all on the back nine to be all square on the 18th.

However, a par there by David clinched a 1-up verdict.



IN THE MONEY... Clive Ackerman drew the winning "free day" ticket at Canons Brook. "That's only justice for standing in as captain again."

Tom to play St Andrews one last time

Tom Watson hopes to get even with the Old Course at St Andrews later this month when he returns to the hallowed links for the first time since his final Open Championship in 2015.

Watson took what he thought was his final walk over the Swilcan Bridge when he bade an emotional farewell to The Open.

However, the news that the Senior Open is now to be played over the Old Course (July 26-29) means Tom will be back – for one last chance of winning at the Home of Golf.

"The Senior Open this year allows me to rectify my last hole of Open Championship golf. It was a pretty good drive, a shank and a three-putt for bogey. I'd like to get even with that just a little bit."

Stan

OLD FOLD MANOR

Old Fold Lane, Hadley Green, Barnet EN5 4QN

Monday July 16

Pro: PETER McEVOY
020 8440 9185 (option 2)

ENTRIES: Register to play via the usual Bengeogolfsociety email or phone Stan Kelley on 01992 586280 (Mobile 07702 36 36 11).

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

COMPETITIONS: 18 holes Stableford playing for the **ANNIVERSARY CUP** (holder: Clive Ackerman).

TEE reserved from 10am. Play from the Yellow tees as usual.

COST: Tea/coffee on arrival from 9.30am; lunch, dinner, waitress service; Eclectic, raffle and prize table – all for

£55, plus the golf.

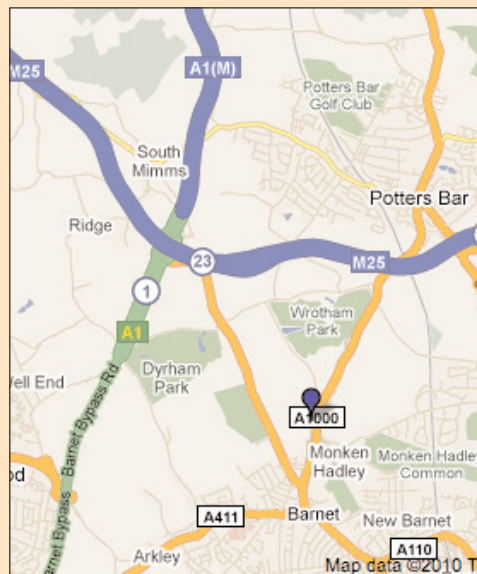
MOBILE PHONES not allowed anywhere – except in the changing room or inside your car.

DRESS: Tailored knee-length shorts with knee-length socks or short white socks are permitted.

BUGGIES. Six are available, so please book direct with the Pro, but let Stan know about it.

MESSAGES may be left at the Pro Shop, phone above.

HOW TO GET THERE: From the M25, exit at Junction 23, South Mimms, taking A1081 to Barnet. Turn left on to A1000. Go past



Hadley Common on the left. First left turning at end of Common is Old Fold Lane.

The Golf Club is ahead, entrance on the right of the building.

From Potters Bar: Take A1000 out of

Potters Bar towards Barnet.

On entering Barnet, and 30mph zone, go past King William pub on left. Last turning before the common on the right is Old Fold Lane.