

EXPLOSIVE START FOR CAPTAIN'S NEW YEAR



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Captain: BRIAN WEST

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WHODUNNIT?.. Captain Brian's 'Drive-in' went off with a bang at Ashridge – with an exploding ball. But the question remains: Did the Captain declare "three off the tee"?



WHODUNNIT?.. Yes, that is your ball insists Dave O'Brien

"DESPITE being a tad cold, the greens were extremely quick and tricky... The meal was excellent and the choices outstanding. Those who couldn't make it missed a great opener for the season."

That's Captain Brian West's view of Ashridge – and not surprisingly only four managed to handle those quick greens well enough to beat their handicaps.

Top man with 39 points and winner of the **Spring Plate** was Phil Houston.

DON'T MISS THIS IT'S KNOCKOUT



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Runners-up in Group 1 were Peter Waters, 38 pts and Gwyn Ellis with 37.

Terry Fuller scored five points on one hole

(he got fined for that) which helped him claim the Group 2 prize with 36 points, but that was only on cut-back ahead of Craig Caswell and David Grainge.

However, 37 were needed to win the Group 3 – provided by Richard Fobbester.

Topping the guests were Ray Hawkins (Graham Beetles' guest) with 38 and Steve Cutts (Phil Houston's guest) on 35

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SERVED ON A PLATE... the Spring Plate went to our website wizard Phil Houston, while Capt Brian also serves wine to Group 3 winner Richard Fobbester (top right) and Group 2 winner Terry Fuller (above right).

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points. *Nearest pins:* 3rd, Kevin Johnstone; 16th Steve Foster.

ECLECTIC

The eclectic will be run again this year with the proceeds being split between the winners and the Captain's charities – The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) and Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children (GOSH)

PRICE OF WINNING...

Newcomers may like to know that you get cut two shots for winning any event. High handicappers (Group 1) are cut three shots; mid handicaps (Group 2) are cut two shots; low handicaps (Group 1) are cut one shot.

The cuts last for 12 months. Handicaps are reviewed annually.



FIRST TIME LUCKY

Phil Houston's new guest, Steve Cutts not only scored well with 35 points off 6, but completed a great day by winning our **free day** ticket for Brookman's Park

IT'S A KNOCKOUT!

Draw for the **SINGLES and PAIRS** knockout championships will take place at Brookman's Park Wednesday April 1. So get your entry in fast.

The last few entries will be taken at Brookman's Park, but make life easier for yourself (and me) by entering right now – either by emailing or phoning Stan Kelley on 01992 586280 or 07702 363611.

Need a Pairs partner? Then let me know because I already have a man on the waiting list.

The entry fee is a nominal £1 per head for each event. All the **Rules Of Play** will be on the website together with the draw.

NEW WEBSITE

Phil Houston has now got the new website up and running, please at least check that your handicap details have been transferred correctly (Email or phone if incorrect).

Phil also announced at Ashridge that there is space for your picture, too. So he is asking that you send in a picture of yourself.

PETER BERRY

Peter Berry, who ceased his BGS membership a couple of years ago due to illness, sadly lost his fight against cancer and died last month, three days before prior to his 67th birthday. He was a member of Mill Green Golf Club.

Stan

BROOKMAN'S PARK



THE CLUB HOUSE... not so grand as the original house.

Brookman's Manor was very grand indeed – until a painter destroyed it.

It was owned by Robert George Gaussen, who was enjoying a cruising holiday on his yacht when, in 1891, he learned the horrible news that his great manor house had been completely destroyed by a decorator wielding a blowlamp.

Alas, the mansion was never rebuilt. Instead, the stables were converted into a fine house where the family continued to live until the

estate was sold for development in 1923. When the London & North Eastern Railway built a new station at Brookman's Park in 1926, with direct services to Kings Cross and Broad Street, the 18 hole parkland golf course was built to attract buyers for the new houses.

And the new manor house? Well that got converted again – into what became today's club house.

You could say the stable doors have been well and truly bolted!

Wednesday March 31

Golf Club Road, Brookman's Park, Hatfield, AL9 7AT

Pro: IAN JELLEY Tel: 01707 652468

ENTRIES Soon as poss (**Limit of 36 players**). Email or ring Stan Kelley on 01992 586280 (*Mobile 07702 363611*)

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

COMPETITION: 18 holes Singles Stableford playing for the **Bill Manton Cup Cup** (*holder: Phil Greenwold*).

1st tee reserved from 9am. Play from yellow tees as usual.

COST: Even CHEAPER than last year: £45 inclusive of raffle, Ball Sweep, waitress service and prize table and Eclectic. *Plus* coffee and bacon rolls on arrival, and two-course luncheon.

BUGGIES: £20 per round. Trolleys £3. Be quick if you are wanting a buggy because they only have three.

HOW TO GET THERE: Brookman's Park is located off the A1000 Great North Road, one mile north of Potters Bar (M25 junct 24).

Those travelling south **on the A1** should take the A1001 exit south of Hatfield tunnel. The A1001 becomes the A1000 after about a mile. After you pass the Essendon turn-off (on your left) look out for the sign to Brookman's Park golf club your right.

Going from Hertford: Take the Essendon road and continue right through to the A1000. Turn left towards Potters Bar, then look out for the sign



WATERY 11th... Bunkers left and right beckon anything a bit short.