

Bengeo Golf Society

Captain: DAVE O'BRIEN



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WAITING...
 Captain Dave waits for the arrival of a fourth player prior to his 'Drive-In', but what a mean bunch – Dave playing off 9, Gwyn Ellis (centre) off 7 and Chris Murray also off 7. No wonder Peter Waters was late – but what a winning stroke that proved to be!



SPRING COMES EARLY... Captain Dave O'Brien presents the Spring Plate trophy to winner Peter Waters, while seven-handicap newcomer Scott Ruskin collects the top guest award. Pictures courtesy BARRY PASBY

Greetings from Ashridge

WE had the luck of the Irish in narrowly missing the worst gales of the winter, but then we had our very own Dublin mascot performing the Captain's drive-in... Dave O'Brien.

Twenty-four hours earlier every course was closed, being flooded and/or suffering fallen trees. But no one could quite believe it when the sun shone for Dave's big day at Ashridge, and the wind dropping to little more than a mere breeze.

The heavens opened minutes after the last players came



in, but the "Luck of the Irish" had certainly rubbed off on Peter Waters. He went out with the Captain and rattled up 40 points to win the Spring Plate.

There was a tie for second on 38 points, but new boy Terry Fuller (Royston) got the verdict on countback over Brian "hippy" West.

Brian is one of our longest serving members, is now in his 70s and brandishing a new hip joint, so his 38 points is quite a triumph.

Three players then shared fourth on 36 points, including
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“I must say the course and food were excellent, but I used up all my luck on the weather”
 – captain Dave O'Brien, complaining at scoring 32 points off 9 in his first game for three months!

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Harry Bracher, Craig Caswell and David Grainge

Top guests: Scott Ruskin 37 points(off 7), Nigel Watling 30 points.

Nearest the pins: Steve Langridge and Peter Waters.

WELCOME... to **Nigel Watling** (17) who is Seniors Captain at Mill Green; introduced by Charles Wallis. And welcome also to **Ken Hart** (27) member of Barkway Golf Club, introduced by Graham Beetles.



CONGRATULATIONS

...to Gwyn Ellis on being appointed captain of Mill Green Golf Club.

Gwyn, will have an exceedingly full year of course which could affect his 7 handicap.
Now there's a cutting remark!

PRICE OF WINNING...

Newcomers may like to know that you get cut two shots for winning any event (Singles) and one shot for receiving second or third-place prizes.

These cuts last for the remainder of the current year plus the whole of the following year. Far better to win nine-hole or team events, because you don't get cut for those.

IT'S A KNOCKOUT!

Draw for the **SINGLES and PAIRS knockout championships** take place at Brookman's Park Wednesday April 2.

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 will go on the website together with the draw.

Stan

BROOKMAN'S PARK



THE CLUB HOUSE... not so grand as it might have been?

Brookman's Manor was very grand indeed at one time. It was 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 manor 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, an 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 April 2

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

Pro: IAN JELLEY Tel: 01707 652468

ENTRIES at least seven days in advance of the event please. 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** trophy (holder: Colin Woolnough).

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

COST: £40 inclusive of prize table; coffee and bacon rolls on arrival, plus two-course luncheon.

BUGGIES: £20 per round. Trolleys £3.

Call Stan if you are wanting a buggy.

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 to Brookman's Park golf club your right.



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