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**Wednesday
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WINNERS ALL... Captain Charles Wallis presenting the spoils to (left to right) Group 1 winner Tim Taylor, Anniversary Cup and Group 3 winner Ted Platten, and Group 2 winner Sid Platten

IT'S double-top for Ted Platten, for he walked off with both the **Bogey Cup** and **Anniversary Cup** at John O'Gaunt.

Ted totted up 38 points to win the Anniversary Cup – and that was after he slaughtered the morning field with a scored of +5 (that's five nett birdies) to win the Bogey event.

And brother Sid Platten joined in the celebrations by topping Group 2 (H'caps 14-18) with 36 points.

It was all thanks to Ted and Sid joining a club for the first time – Mill Green – who insisted that they put in three cards for handicaps. "We told them that we wanted to play off our Bengeo Golf Society handicaps," they protested, "but the club wouldn't allow it."

Sid's handicap therefore went up from 16 to 18, while Ted increased three shots to 21.

The Plattens suffered some good humoured banter from their new Mill Green colleagues – mainly from Robert Clayton – but they'll both suffer hefty cuts by handicap secretary Steve Langridge.

Runners-up in the Bogey Cup were Robert Clayton and Tim Taylor with +2, which is three adrift of Ted Platten.

Tim Taylor was also



UNTOUCHABLE... Ted Platten lifted both trophies at John O'Gaunt. He won the Bogey Cup three holes clear of the field, then clinched the Anniversary Cup with 38 points – and that earns him a cut of three shots.

runner-up in the Anniversary Cup with 37 points, which also clinched the Group 1 prize.

Guests: Ian Taylor 33, Eddie Martin and Will Silverosa both 32.

Nearest pins: 4th: Ian Taylor; 16th Harry Bracher.

19th HOLE BIRDIE

TIGHT all the way, Bhupi Patel and Steve Temple had to go to the 19th hole to decide their **McMullen Sin-**

gles championship challenge.

Bhupi was 1-up until he lost the 18th to Steve, but he then birdied the 19th to qualify for the grand final.

NICK MacDermott was heading for a big win in the **McMullen Singles** quarter final. he went 5-up after nine holes at John O'Gaunt, but was promptly pegged back by opponent Colin Andrews.

However, Colin's

fightback petered out on the 17th at 2&1.

AT Mill Green Bhupi Patel and Suru battled through another tight match, this time against Gary and Tony Sando in the **Concorde Pairs KO**.

The Mill Green boys were one-up after 17, but a birdie by Bhupi on 18 secured a 2-up result and a semi-final spot against Gwyn Ellis and Robert Clayton.

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PLAYER OF YEAR

Your best FIVE scores out of eight to count, so you can miss three and still win

Your best five scores are really coming into play now, for the worst scores are now eliminated (see below).

It means that former leader Dave O'Brien now drops to fourth, while Ted Platten's 25 pts from John O'Gaunt replaces the 2pts he scored at Ashridge.

That catapults Ted to top of the table, but David Grange and Clive Ackerman are still up there

	G	A	SB	On	Bed	JuG	Tot
Ted Platten	19	2	23	17	24	25	108
David Grainge	6	25	21	23	17	21	107
Clive Ackerman	13	23	24	17	24	16	104
Dave O'Brien	21	17	25	20	20	0	103
Steve Langridge	0	2	23	23	24	20	92
Nick MacDermott	13	17	15	23	1	16	84
Bhupi Patel	1	21	17	17	17	9	81
Sid Platten	10	21	15	1	10	23	79
Robert Clayton	19	9	5	11	15	17	71
Bob Pegg	24	9	0	20	0	16	69
Colin Andrews	19	2	6	6	24	12	67
Solly Khosravi	1	9	0	24	15	18	67
Tim Dent	0	21	0	25	0	19	65
Tim Taylor	0	17	11	0	0	24	52
Steve Temple	6	17	8	11	8	7	51
Mike Barry	13	23	13	0	0	0	49
Charles Wallis	6	9	7	11	15	7	49
Harry Bracher	22	2	0	0	12	12	48
Peter Lacey	24	11	10	1	1	2	48
Dan Todd	25	0	0	1	18	0	44

WE'RE about to be seduced...

by one of the prettiest courses in the south of England.

It's **Aspley Guise and Woburn Sands**. And this 'adulteress' has an opening hole which can easily lull you into a false sense of security.

It was beguiling enough to entice two famous golfers to go back for more, time and again – five times

Open champion Harry Vardon (he of the Vardon grip) and thrice Open Champion Sir Henry Cotton.

That was many years ago of course, back when it was a mere nine holes. Aspley was built in 1912, by Charles Willmott who was the Club Professional for 42 years.

The Course was opened for play in May 1914, when four well

known professionals were invited to play an exhibition match on the opening day.

They were Sandy Herd, Ted Ray, Tom Ball and B. Batley.

The lowest score of the day was returned by Tom Ball with a score of 68 for 18 holes.

Sixty years elapsed before sufficient land could be purchased for the other nine.

It's now just about the prettiest course we play – so are you ready to be seduced? *Stan*



DID you ever notice that it's a lot easier to get up at 6am to play golf than at 10am to mow the lawn?



OPENING Day, May 1914... Ted Ray putting the first green. Note how long the grass is – close cut mowers were still a distant invention.



HEADS I WIN... Gary Sando pulled the lucky ticket for a free venue

KNOW THE RULES

Q. A ball in rough. Having announced your intention in advance to your opponent, marker or fellow competitor, you rotate the ball for purposes of identifying the ball. Is there a penalty?

A. Yes. Rule 12-2 says. "If the player had marked the ball then there would have been no penalty, so long as the rotating of the ball did not result in the ball being cleaned beyond the extent necessary to identify it."

ASPLEY GUISE & WOBBURN SANDS

ENTRIES seven days in advance of the event please. Email your entry via the website or ring Stan Kelley on 01992 586280, Mobile 07702 36 36 11

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

COMPETITIONS: Morning – 9 holes 4BBB Pairs playing for the **APHID PAIRS CUP** (holders: Micheal Millen and Gary Sando).

Afternoon – 18 holes Stableford playing for the **AUTUMN CUP** (holder: Nick MacDermott).

MEET 8.45am for coffee. Tee reserved from 9.30am and 12.30pm. Play from the yellow markers as usual.

COST £65 inclusive of prizes both morning and afternoon, plus coffee on arrival, lunch and three-course dinner. Also ball sweep with free next venue ticket, Eclectic and even the waitress gratuity.

DRESS: Be warned, only white sport socks or full knee-length length socks are allowed here. Tennis length shorts are not acceptable. Jacket 'n' BGS tie are a must for dinner as usual, otherwise expect a Captain's fine.

MOBILE phones not permitted beyond car park. Phone messages accepted at pro shop (01908 583596).

BUGGIES. Check with Secretary Stan. He has booked the lot because they only have four available.

HOW TO GET THERE: The course is situated just two miles from the M1 junction 13. Aspley Guise (A607) is well signposted, but carry straight on, do not branch left for Woburn. Look out for the course on the right, towards the end of Aspley Guise village – you can easily go past it, so slow right down.



FEARSOME 10th... double bogey likely if you miss the green

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