

Bengeo Golf Society

Captain: DAVE O'BRIEN



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Greetings from Captains Inc.

TWO captain's swept all before them when playing for the **Anniversary Cup** at John O'Gaunt.

The were captain Dave O'Brien and Mill Green captain Gwyn Ellis, who clinched the trophy on countback.

The captains tied on 34 points, but right on their heels was Mark Davis making his first appearance for more than three years. Mill Green member Mark came in with 33 points.

Top guest – twice over – was Phil Greenwold, vice-captain to Gwyn Ellis at Mill Green. He won both events, scoring 30 points in the afternoon and plus-1 in the morning.

And continuing the vice-captains theme, the **Bogey Cup** was claimed by our own vice-captain, Robert Clayton, better known as our treasurer.

Robert came in at plus-2, followed by David Morris, Andy Alexander and Bill Bridgewater all on plus-1 (positioned on countback).

Nearest pins: Peter Waters and Gwyn Ellis.

WRONG NUMBER?

Is your phone number(s) and address correct on our Membership & Fixtures List?

Unfortunately, I gave the WRONG phone number to ring David Morris for John O'Gaunt bookings last month. (He was kindly standing in for me while I was on holiday).

I should have checked, but I printed the number shown in our Membership & Fixtures List. Alas, David had forgotten to tell me that that was his old mobile number.

So what about **you**? Have you also failed to notify me about changes?

Copies of the Membership & Fixtures were posted to everyone back in March. If you need another copy then let me know – especially if something has changed since then!

WELCOME

...to new member Rob Groves, 20 h/cap member of Cheshunt, introduced by Gary Sando



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CAPTAINS COLOSSUS...

Captain Dave O'Brien lost out in the battle of John O'Gaunt to Gwyn Ellis (above, left) captain of Mill Green Golf Club.

MONEY GOES TO MONEY... Our treasurer Robert Clayton (left) reaped the rewards in the Bogey Cup, with a winning plus-2.

easy." But don't be surprised if you come away shaking you head saying: "No she's not."

But Aspley Guise was beguiling enough to entice two famous golfers to go back there time and again. They were *six* 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, yet 60 years elapsed before sufficient land could be purchased for the other nine.

The original course was constructed by Charles Willmott who then became

SHE'S NOT SO EASY

ONE of the prettiest maidens you'll find, but you'll be hard pressed to get her defenses down.

We're talking of **Aspley Guise and Woburn Sands**. This 'temptress' has an opening hole which says: "I'm

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY... Wednesday September 3 Aspley Guise & Woburn Sands...
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the Club's pro for an amazing 42 years.

Back in 1912, a special train was made available from London for the opening day, when more than 450 spectators were present to watch an exhibition match by Ted Ray, Alex Herd, Tom Ball and B Batley.

The lowest score of the day was returned by Tom Ball who had a 68 for 18 holes. The length of the course was 2610 yards; the same nine holes today measure 2920 yards.



DAY TO REMEMBER... John O'Gaunt was his first day as a new BGS member – and one that Richard Fobbester will never forget, for he drew the winning ticket for the **FREE** next venue... Aspley Guise and Woburn Sands.

Aspley Guise has since had several new Pros (Richard Lally is the latest) and a new clubhouse. And the final bit of good news is that **we're paying only £2 more than we did in 2005** – that's thanks to our booking prior to the club's finance committee meeting. We're learning!

IT'S IN THE RULES...

New member Andy Alexander fell foul of the Rules through not checking his card properly in the Bogy Cup.

He correctly signed for a score of plus-2, but on one of the holes his marker *wrongly* put him down for a five instead of a four. Therefore a half instead of a plus.

Andy's Bogy score was therefore reduced to plus-1. But had the error been for a *better* score, then he would have been disqualified.

Rule 6d, Wrong Score for Hole: The competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his card. If he returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he shall be disqualified. If he returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned shall stand.

LATE TEE-OFF!

EVERY match is way behind schedule in both the

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7th place at John O'Gaunt has shot Brian 'Hippo' West to the top of the leaderboard with 24 points. That's all down to his new hip of course, plus the fact that he has played all six events, which means he could discard his worst score.

But right on his heels is Bill Bridgwater – 4th at John O'Gaunt – with 24 points from four events.

1st place for Gwyn Ellis makes him a serious contender, together with Craig Caswell who reduced his five-match tally to 32.

Singles and Pairs championships. Fingers out please gentlemen. Check the website for when matches should be played – also the *Rules* and who is the "home" player.

One result for the quarter-finals of the McMullen Singles Championship: Rod Homer beat Harry Collins 3&2 at Harry's St. Neots course.

Stan

ASPLEY GUISE & WOBURN 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 CUP** (holders: Gary Sando/Mike Wallis).

Afternoon – 18 holes Stableford playing for the **AUTUMN CUP** (holder: Stan Kelley)

MEET 8.15am for coffee. Tee reserved from 9.00am and 11.45pm. Play from the yellow markers as usual.

COST: £65 inclusive of prizes, plus coffee on arrival, lunch and three-course dinner.

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 582974).

BUGGIES. Check with Stan Kelley for availability because they only have two.

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...that's the 10th—and it's a nearest-pin.

Wednesday Sept 3

WEST HILL, ASPLEY GUISE, MILTON KEYNES

Pro: Richard Lally 01908 582974

