



**Captain:
CLIVE
ACKERMAN**

**Next meeting:
Thursday
May 11
SOUTH BEDS**

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MORE FIXTURES

CAPTAIN'S DAY

**Thursday
June 8
WELWYN
GARDEN CITY**

**Monday
July 10
OLD FOLD
MANOR**

**Wednesday
August 16
TOOT HILL**

**Monday
September 25
BISHOP'S
STORTFORD**

**Wednesday
November 1
LETCHWORTH**

**Thurs Nov 30
KNEBWORTH**

Capt Clive's a double winner

WHAT a great day we had at Ashridge – especially for captain Clive.

Clive Ackerman was in fact doubly delighted because he not only won the Bill Manton Cup with a handsome 41 points, but that also meant he won his bet against 39 other players.

That bet? Well Clive announced beforehand that anyone failing to beat his score would be required to pay £1 into his charity pot. On the other hand Clive promised to pay £1 into the pot for all those who *did* beat him – so if all 39 players had beaten his score then that would have cost Clive £39.

Ken Gordon so nearly avoided paying the £1, for he also scored 41 points. But that didn't actually beat capt Clive of course.

ROBBED

Taking the third-place prize was Robert Clayton with 38 points, but a few days later he suffered a re-occurrence of his heart condition – and no time left to get a replacement for our weekend away in Cambridge.

Amazingly, we then had SEVEN players tying on 36 points – and that's never happened before in the 36

years history of the Bengeo Golf Society.

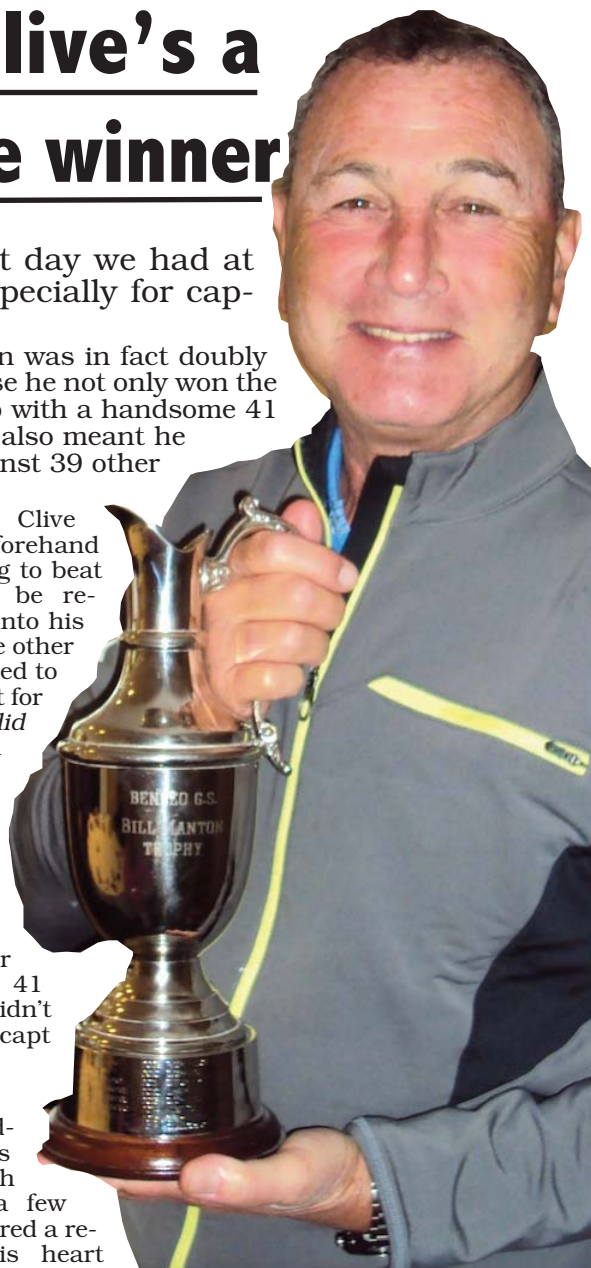
Those super seven: Harry Bracher, Steve Langridge, Simon Light, Dave O'Brien, Robert Pegg (nice to see him

POCKET SHUT TIGHT...
Clive couldn't be happier, for he didn't have to pay out even £1 at Ashridge

Clive is also top of the Eclectic

ECLECTIC leaderboard after the first two events shows that it's close at the top...

1. Clive Ackerman	47
1. Dave O'Brien	47
3. Tim Dent	46
4. Gwyn Ellis	45
5. Ted Platten	44
6. Sid Platten	43
6. Ken Gordon	43
6. Steve Langridge	43
9. Gary Sando	41
10. Ray Whitehead	40
10. Steve Foster	40
12. Rob Clayton	39
12. Tom Taylor	39
14. Mick Millen	38
15. Roger Butcher	37
15. David Grainge	37
17. Bob Pegg	36
18. Bhupi Patel	35
18. Stan Kelley	35
20. Nick MacDermot	34
20. Steve Campbell	34



FINE BRACE... Captain Clive embraces guests Michael O'Brien and Bryan Roberts who both came in with 38 points at Ashridge.

back), Gary Sando and John Silverosa.

We welcomed several guests which included Michael O'Brien (no relation to Dave O'Brien) and Bryan Roberts who tied on 38 points. However, it was Micheal who got the countback verdict.

Winning the nearest pins prizes: 3rd hole Dave O'Brien; 16th Stan Kelley.

DRAW ON WEBSITE

ALL the results are on www.bengeogolfsociety.org.uk

And if you've entered the Singles and Pairs championships then look up the website to confirm the 'Rules of Play' and to find out whether you or your opponent has the "home" advantage.

Note: the Rules have changed – and remember, if you are the "home" player(s) then be sure to give your opponent(s) three dates.

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'FINE' WINNER... Here's Gary Sando displaying his winning ticket for a free day at our next venue. But you'll notice he's not wearing his BGS tie – for which he was fined of course!

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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

Clive Ackerman and Dave O'Brien lead the way with 45 points apiece. But Peter Lacey, Bob Pegg, Harry Bracher and Simon Light have also scored well, albeit for one game.

	Gog	Ash	Tot
Clive Ackerman	20	25	45
Dave O'Brien	23	22	45
John Silverosa	20	22	42
Steve Langridge	18	22	40
Tim Dent	23	13	36
Gary Sando	11	22	33
Ken Gordon	7	25	32
Sid Platten	24	8	32
Gwyn Ellis	16	15	31
Ted Platten	25	6	31
Robert Clayton	3	23	26
Peter Lacey	23	0	23
Harry Bracher	0	22	22
Simon Light	0	22	22
Bob Pegg	0	22	22
Steve Foster	18	1	19
Solly Khosravi	16	0	16
Bhupi Patel	3	13	16
Stan Kelley	0	15	15
Michael Millen	5	10	15
Tim Taylor	13	1	14
Charles Wallis	14	0	14
Simon Purkiss	13	0	13
David Grainge	11	1	12
Roger Butcher	3	8	11
Nick MacDermott	1	10	11
Sean Reilly	11	0	11
Peter Waters	0	11	11

A LIKELY YARN FROM PETER ALLIS...

MAD MAC, for many years a caddy for a top pro, has a client who looked after him well. He was a bit of a recluse and like a round of golf, but preferred to play with imaginary clubs – which Mad Mac of course carried for him. The fellow would go through the motions, with Mac supplying the sound effects – the

swishing of the club, the crack as he hit the ball. Then Mac would cry: "Oh, lovely shot sir, 220 yards down the middle of the fairway."

Then Mac hoister the imaginary bag onto his shoulder and they'd walk down the fairway. Mac handed his client a 7-iron and watched him make the stroke.

"Whaaacckkk, Oh well

done sir."

One day they'd got to the 11th when the people behind them caught up. They were fascinated by what they'd seen. One of them asked Mac what was going on; imaginary clubs, swiping thin air and so on.

"Sssshh", said Mac, a finger to his lips. "Don't disturb him. He's four under par and that's the

best he's ever done on this course."

"What do you mean," cried the fellow. "It's crazy. You've got no clubs, no ball, what's it all for?"

"I'm not sure myself," said Mac. "Not a word to him though. He hasn't got a car either but he gives me 20 quid a week to keep it clean!"

SOUTH BEDS GOLF CLUB

Warden Hill Road, Luton, LU2 7AE Phone: 01582 591 500

THURSDAY MAY 11

ENTRIES at least seven days in advance of the event please. Email via the website or ring Stan Kelley on 01992 586280 (Mobile 07702 363611)

Cancellation rule: Minimum £20 penalty (full cost at some courses) for cancelling within three days of event (be sure to advise guests).

COMPETITION: 9 holes for the **THREE CLUB TROPHY** (holder: Steve Foster). But it's now **three** clubs and a putter instead of two.

Afternoon: Again on the Galley Hill course, 18 holes Singles Stableford for the **ERIC ATTFIELD MEMORIAL CUP** (holder: Steve Hickey).

TEE TIMES: 10am and 1pm. Play from yellow tees as usual.

COST: Yet again we have an amazingly cheap £65 charge – and that figure includes cost of prizes, ball sweep, Eclectic, plus tips. It also includes coffee and



ARROW MARKS IT... South Beds is just off the A6

bacon rolls from 9.15am, plus lunch and dinner.

MESSAGES may be left at the Pro Shop.

BUGGIES/TROLLEYS: Cost is £20 per round for buggies. Book early as they only have

four of them.

HOW TO GET THERE: South Beds Golf Club is located on the edge of the Chiltern Hills on the Northern outskirts of Luton, signposted from the A6 which runs from Luton to Bedford.



YOU KEN DO IT.. Ken Gordon, top scorer both days

Ken conquers the Cambridge course

KEN Gordon topped our weekend away in Cambridge, scoring 35 points on both Sunday and Monday, making an overall total of 70.

But right on his heels was Steve Foster with 69 points. He scored 34 points on Sunday and 35 on Monday.

Guest Steve Haggar joined Ken Gordon with 35 points on Sunday but followed that with only 29 on Monday.

Third overall with 65 points was Peter Waters.

And well worthy of a mention in despatches for scoring 33 points after a 'heavy' night in the bar watching the Masters, are Mick Millen, Steve Langridge and Andy Payne, who was making only his second appearance in more than five years.

But the biggest winner was the Captain's charity, for Clive raised £293.83 (obviously short changed there somewhere).

Stan