

IT'S THE GREAT EAST HERTS Golf Club



XMAS SCRAMBLE Friday 7th December

There really is no better way to finish your golfing year...

And if you've not played with the BGS lately, then make amends right now, by booking in for our big Xmas Scramble.

It's fun for everyone, no matter what your handicap – good or bad, everyone goes home with a bagful of prizes.

What's more, you can boast to playing off scratch.

How does that work? Well, just turn to the Back Page and all is revealed.

The main thing is that you enter – because you wouldn't want to miss out on £10 per person subsidy, would you?

CONDITION WAS TOPS

LETCWORTH reckon the condition of their course is the best in the county – and no BGS member who played there this month would argue with that.

As one member said: "The practise green was so perfect that the grass looked to be false." The whole course was indeed superb.

Sid Platten made the most of the conditions, carding 38 points to win the President's Cup, plus the Group 2 cheque.

Tim Dent capped a great year by topping Group 1 with 37 points – only narrowly missing out on Player of the Year (see Back Page).

Group 3 prize went to Charles Wallis with 33 points.

However, these three all failed to figure in the winning teams.

Stan Kelley (that's me) had the good fortune of partnering Dave O'Brien's two guests – Paul Lawrence and James O'Connor – who carried me to victory with 81 points.

That was eight points

PICTURES: DAVE O'BRIEN and DAMIEN TURLEY



DÉJÀ VU... Charles Wallis (left) and Tim Dent (right) won the same Group prizes as last November. But Sid Platten stole the show by winning the President's Cup.



IN THE PINK... Charles Wallis (left) was fined for wearing these blinding pink socks.



TOP TEAM... Craig presents the winning wine to Stan and new boys Paul Lawrence and James O'Connor. They scored 81 points to finish eight points clear of the field

clear of nearest rivals David Grange, Nick MacDermott and Richard Fobbester with 73pts. Third with 72pts were Dave O'Brien, Colin Andrews, Charles Wallis

Guests: Paul Lawrence 35 (off 10), Steve Campbell 31,

Nearest Pins: 14th John McNaughton; 17th Steve Langridge.



Bag a bargain for Christmas

SID PLATTEN is generously donating this new Callaway golf bag, to be auctioned at the Xmas Scramble for the Captain's charity, The Willow Foundation.

This is the only charity in the UK to provide positive and life-enhancing special days for seriously

ill 16 to 40 year olds.

The Willow Foundation was started in 1999 by Bob and Megs Wilson as a memorial to their daughter, Anna, who died of cancer aged 31.

Bob Wilson is the former Arsenal and Scotland goalkeeper and TV presenter.

Our AGM is being held after the Xmas Scramble at East Herts. *Want to make a proposal?* Then please call to have it added to the Agenda; new proposals will not be allowed on the day – Call Stan 01992 586280.

NOT played with us for some while? Then now is the time to get back in the swing! We need your support – and let's face it you really can't go wrong being in a team with **four** of you having a go at every shot and putt!

We're talking about the BIG event of the year... the fun and feasting on festive food and bags of take-home fayre (the prizes)...

It's the XMAS SCRAMBLE.

Guests are welcome as usual to join in the thrills and spills of this fun game. It's teams-of-four comprising (near as possible) one low handicapper, one high (22+) and two middle

men.

Every team is therefore more or less level so there are no handicaps – you all play off scratch! And scoring is *stroke play*, not Stableford.

But it's a *scramble* which means you select your best tee shot, then everyone plays from that spot. You do the same even on the putting green. The

one exception is when the chosen ball is in the rough or a bunker, in which case you drop the ball in that bunker or rough of course.

Remember, you have to use a minimum four tee shots from every player though.

This is our 17th annual Christmas Scramble and to help get you get in festive spir-

it you'll see the tables laden with Christmas fayre prizes for all. And thanks to quite a bit of subsidy from our funds, it all comes for the superb price of £49 (guests £55).

It all starts with a handsome breakfast served from 8.30am. We then the get hip flasks ready for 18 holes of fun Texas Scramble, after which it's stoke-up time again... with Xmas dinner.

And we all know what's for afters... the hullabaloo of the prizegiving – and the AGM, when you get a chance to welcome your new captain.

Merry Christmas.

Don't miss out... members get Xmas subsidy of at least £10

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ECLECTIC

Tim Dent played second fiddle to Phil Greenwold in the *Player of Year*, but he gets a big payday of £60 for winning the Eclectic with 57 points.

Phil Greenwold and capt Craig Caswell are joint runners-up with 55, rewarding with £30 apiece.

CHARITY TOPS £1,500

THE Captain's charity fund already tops £1,500, added to which is plenty of dosh (about £120) from the Eclectic, plus more from the Xmas Scramble day.

The biggest boost came from Ivan

Pettit's family who kindly donated all of his golf gear, following his untimely death from cancer. It raised £900.

Then four 'box' tickets for Tottenham were bought by John Coyle for £250 (he's using them for the match against Swansea December 16).

And let's not forget the £100 from Phil Greenwold to celebrate mum's 100th birthday. One amazing lady.

WINNING TICKET ON DEMAND

Damien has every right to sport a huge grin, for he pleaded (or should that be demanded) that his ticket should be drawn out first. "I want 725 to be the winning number," shouted Damien, "that free day to the Xmas Scramble has got to be mine." Amazingly, it indeed his!



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Hamels Park, Buntingford, *SG9 9NA. Tel: 01920 821978

FRIDAY December 7, 2012

ENTRIES via the BGS website (email link) or phone Stan Kelley 01992 586280 or 07702 363611. As always, minimum £20 penalty applies for any cancellations within three days of the event.

COMPETITION: 18 holes Texas Scramble, played as a Medal, not Stableford. At least four tee shots must be used from every player.

TEE TIMES: 1st and 7th tees reserved from 10am.

COST: £49 (£55 for guests). Price includes prizes for everyone, full English breakfast on arrival from 9am, Christmas Dinner and gratuity, plus the ball sweep/lucky dip for free day at Ashridge next year.

DRESS: Jacket 'n' BGS tie for dinner. Please advise guests to be suited and booted.

MOBILE PHONES not permitted in the clubhouse or on the course.

BUGGIES: Might be available, but it is December.

HOW TO GET THERE: Hamels Park is situated on the northbound carriageway of the A10 between Puckeridge and Buntingford.

*Please be aware that the East Herts post code, SG9 9NA, is shared with Hamels Mansion. The golf club is reached through the entrance between two lodges on the left, 500 yards north of the A10/B1368 roundabout BEFORE Hamels Mansion.

PLAYER OF YEAR

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

Player of the Year is indeed Phil Greenwold. Joint third place (23pts) boosted his total to 112pts – four clear of runner-up Tim Dent who leapt four places with second place (24pts) at Letchworth.

Robert Clayton and Craig Caswell also topped 100pts, followed by me (Stan) making a late run.

Sid Platten's victory at Letchworth sees him climb the table along with a surge from Harry Collins.

	A	BP	J&G	TH	W	AG	CH	L	Tot
Phil Greenwold	19	24	18	4	16	25	21	23	112
Robert Clayton	10	19	23	23	21	4	18	6	104
Craig Caswell	15	8	21	25	0	16	18	21	101
Tim Dent	17	5	25	16	24	10	11	24	106
Stan Kelley	1	13	8	18	0	21	23	23	98
Roger Butcher	13	20	12	0	25	19	18	12	95
Sid Platten	0	0	13	4	18	14	23	25	93
Harry Collins	24	14	0	0	0	8	24	21	91
Colin Andrews	13	24	1	10	13	20	0	18	88
Steve Langridge	10	13	24	16	18	14	13	15	87
Brian West	15	19	1	1	20	0	25	1	80
Gary Sando	22	24	14	4	11	6	3	0	77
Clive Ackerman	1	8	11	22	0	24	0	17	82
Rich Fobbestor	13	1	11	10	16	15	7	12	67
Charles Wallis	1	0	7	4	16	0	21	19	67
Steve Temple	1	5	3	6	24	12	18	6	66
Leigh Bembrick	4	19	0	0	18	19	0	0	60
John Hare	0	25	11	22	0	0	0	0	58
Michael Bench	22	0	0	22	0	0	11	0	55
David Grainge	0	0	21	18	0	0	0	15	54
Ken Gordon	25	5	0	0	0	0	21	0	51
John Mac	19	10	18	0	0	0	0	0	47
Bhupi Patel	0	0	10	14	0	22	0	0	46
Steve Foster	4	9	5	10	11	0	0	9	46