Captain: Richard Fobbester

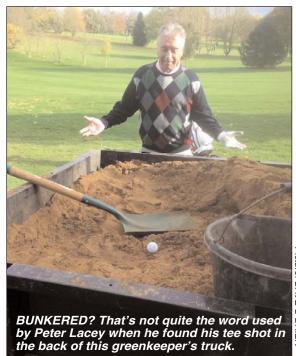
# ITS THE GREAT

**KNEBWORTH Golf Club** 



## (MANNORAMBIR)

### **Thursday 4th December**



dead worried that he'd be fined for landing in an unusual sand trap while playing at Letchworth (see picture).

"I teed off and the ball went over trees and we heard a big bang, explaines Peter. "It seems the ball hit a greenkeeper's truck (that was the bang) and ended up in the back with a load of sand.

But no one mentioned it during dinner, otherwise Peter way well have been asked to contribute £1 'fine' to the Captain's charity.

results Back Peter was playing with Dave O'Brien and Simon Page Purkiss who carded 74 points on the Crescendo for second place. That was thanks mainly to Simon who scored a near level par round of 39 points off his handicap of 5.

Runner-up for the President's Cup was fellow Group 1 player-

NEW member Peter Lacey was Roger Butcher with 35 points. But although Roger missed out on the Group 1 prize, he clinched the team glory with David Grainge and Suru Madhvani, totalling 75 points.

> FIVE players tied on 31 points for the Group 2 prize. Steve Foster got the verdict with the best back nine, over Colin Andrews, Robert Pegg, David Grainge

and Tim Dent.

WHO'S Suri Madhvani claimed the Group 3 prize with IN THE 32 points. MONEY?

Nearest pins: 14th was 'sand truck man' Peter Lacey; 17th Tim Dent.

**CHAMPS AT LAST** 

SO often runners-up in the Concorde Trophies championship Gwyn Ellis and Rob Clayton made no mistake at their own Mill Green course this year.

They were up against father and son David and Tom Grainge. All square after nine, there was never more than one hole in it until Gwyn let loose a barage of birdies well into the

back nine.

It ended 2&1 in favour of the home team.

But all was not lost as far as David Grainge was concerned, for he won the McMullen's Singles championship, by beating me, Stan Kelley 4&2.

I played all my previous finals at other people's courses, so I made sure I didn't play away this time" says David.

"I'm not a member of a club any more, so I took Stan to a course I knew he'd never played."

That was Ash Valley, near Gt Hadham. And sure enough it proved a winner for David.

However, it was all square at the turn and was going knock for knock until Stan suffered some serious, non-stop hooking and slicing.

#### **CAPTAIN'S** SERIOUS OP

I write captain Richard Fobbester is still in the Royal Free Hospital after undergoing two operations to remove a growth which is also affecting his liver.

Richard's wife Pat has been staving and sleeping alongside him and tells me that he remains up-beat and ready for chemotherapy

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IN THE PICTURE... twice is nice, says Suru Madhvani who not only won Group 3 but also wined with the winnina team of David Grainge and Roger Butcher.

See Eclectic

**Pictured** next to Suru is vice capt Colin **Andrews** (standing in for captain Richard) who also presented prizes to Group 2 winner Steve Foster, and 'untouchable' cup winner Simon **Purkiss** 

#### SAME AGAIN PRICE FOR OUR GREAT CHRISTMAS SCRAMBLE

FULL ENGLISH BREAK-FAST, golf and Xmas Dinner, plus loads of prize goodies - and all for the same reduced price as last year.

We're talking about our BIG event of the year - the Xmas Scramble. And that price reduction is about as rare as hens teeth (or should that be turkev?)

Thanks to Knebworth and quite a bit of subsidy from **funds**, it means members will be paying only £45 (guests £55). And that includes at least £10 of goodies.

NOT played with us lately?

Don't miss out... members get Xmas subsidy of around

back in the swing!

Make the effort. 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!

Guests are welcome as usual to join in the thrills and spills of this fun game. It's teams-offour comprising (near as possible) one low handicapper, one high (20+) and two middle Then now's the time to get men. Every team is therefore

more or less level so there are no handicaps – you all play off scratch! And scoring is stroke play.

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

the rough of course.

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

This is our 19th annual Christmas Scramble and to help get you get in festive spirit you'll see the tables laden with Christmas fayre prizes for a11.

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.

Merry Christmas.

Our AGM is being held after the Xmas Scramble at Knebworth. 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.

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to be well enough to two more 4-balls for his attend the dinner for auction. our Xmas Scramble. I have of course forward- O'Gaunt, ed our very best wishes Walden and Mill Green substantial pricemoney to both of them.

will have charity is concerned – generously donated by £163 raised at Stephen Hickey.

Letchworth, boosting Richard is also hoping £1,765, plus we have

We already have  ${\bf John}$ to be auctioned at for second place. Meanwhile, Richard Knebworth, plus the two 56 welcomed extras - North Weald 55 good news as far as his and **Silvermere**, both 54

#### **ECLECTIC**

total to Michael Bench paid the David Grainge, Nick price for not attending MacDermott, Colin Letchworth, for he was knocked off top spot by 51 Rob Clayton S young Tom Grainge. But Saffron he still picks up the

- Tom Grainge Michael Bench
- Steve Langridge
- Stan Kelley

52 Richard Fobbester, Andrews, Steve Foster 51 Rob Clayton, Sid Platten

#### **AND FINALLY**

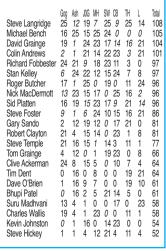
Another quote from a Dennis Dawson, book "I know I'm getting better because I'm hiting few spectators" – former President Geral Ford





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

THANKS to Michael Bench failing to play, Steve Langridge remains top of the table and winner of the Player of the Year. Michael was runner-up just three points adrift, with David Grainge still third, followed by vicecaptain Colin Andrews leaping five places thanks to 21pts replacing 3pts. Top 20:





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## Thursday December 4, 2014

ENTRIES via the BGS website COST: £45 (£55 for guests). BUGGIES: Might be avail-(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 DRESS: Jacket 'n' BGS tie for Medal, not Stableford. At dinner Please advise guests least four tee shots must be used from every player.

TEE TIMES: 1st tee reserved from 9.30am.

Price includes prizes for able, but unlikely. everyone, full English breakfast on arrival from 8.30am, Christmas Dinner, plus graplus tuity, the ball sweep/lucky dip for free day at Gog Magog next year.

dinner. Please advise guests to be suited and booted.

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

the A1(M) - Leave the A1(M) at Junction 7 and follow the signs for the A602. At the second roundabout turn right towards Knebworth on the B197.

Before entering the village at the top of a steep hill, turn right into Deards End Lane, and the golf club is just 50 yards away on the right.