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Next meeting:



ABRIDGE
GOLDF &
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CLUB
Wednesday
August 15

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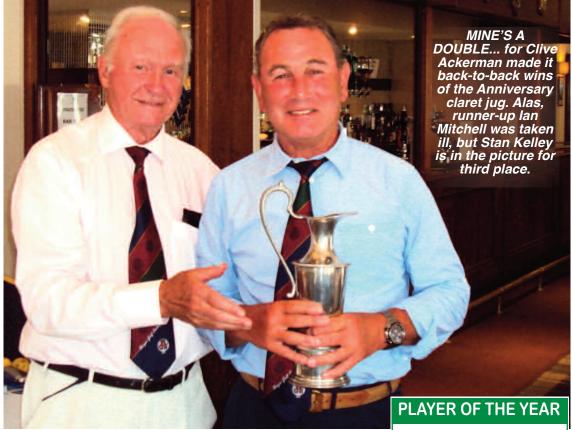
FUTURE FIXTURES:

CAPTAIN'S DAY

Thursday September 27 BISHOP'S STORTFORD

Monday November 5 LETCHWORTH

Monday December 3 KNEBWORTH



NOT sure whether Mrs Ackerman welcomed it back, but Clive successfully clinched our **Anniversary Cup** for the second year running.

Could mean that Clive has to polish the trophy himself now? One thing is certain though, he polished off all his

rivals with two shots to spare at Old Fold Manor.

Clive scored 38 points on a boiling hot day, which made the greens very quick and difficult.

Even 38 points is only just playing to handicap off the yellow tees. But we had a tie for second place on 36 points, between member Ian Mitchell and me, Stan Kelley.

We took some separating, for scores were level on the back nine, level on the back six, but Ian got the countback verdict on the last three holes.

Alas, Ian was struck down with a stomach upset after our meal, so Peter Lacey rushed him home even before we got around to announcing the results and making the presentations.

Days later Ian explained: "I'd felt ill after breakfast at home and felt rough when playing – and I was bad for several days."

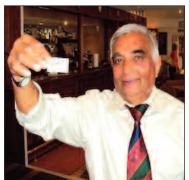
Steve Foster was fourth with 35 points, while the average was 28pts – it was that tough.

Nearest pins: 7th Steve Langridge; 10th John Hare.

SINGLES and PAIRS

SURPRISE win for Gary Sando, he beat Clive Ackerman 2&1 away Clive's Nazeing course.

Gary got off to a flying start by



THAT'S MINE... said Bhupi when 873 was announced as the winning ticket for a free day at Aybridge.

going 4-up after nine holes. He then blobbed three holes before winning the 13th. But Gary then held on to his two-hole lead.

● Like me, David Grainge lost 3 & 2 to captain Nick MacDermott at Toot Hill.

"It was a pretty even match but my putting was dreadful whereas Nick's short game solid," reports David.

But Nick and Pairs partner Steve Campbell narrowly lost out to Robert Clayton and Gwyn Ellis – ending 1up at Mill Green.

Great match with birdies and Continued overleaf Your best FIVE scores out of eight to count, so you can miss three events

DAVID Grainge is still well clear at the top of the table, but Harry Bracher and Clive Ackerman both have a missed venue, so could well shoot into the lead after Abridge.

Leaders:

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pars galore. This went to last hole with the home boys 1-up. And in a dramatic finish Nick birdied it. But in a final twist Gwyn also birdied, halve the hole to clinch the match.

Steve Langridge and Ken Gordon have been surprisingly beaten on their own Mill Green 3&1 verdict on extremely hot day.

FLYING UMBRELLA

"Clive was 'hot' on the back nine which probably made the difference", said David.

However the funniest thing was that Steve's umbrella (being used to shield

perpetrators him from the sun) was were Clive Ackerman ripped from his trolley and David Grainge by a mini whirlwind who cooly compiled a and sent the umbrella an high in the sky.

Än an updraft saw it floating at perhaps 100 feet and disappear to some distant part of the course.

Somebody must have found it and left it on a tee at the other end of course, for Steve recovered it.

Weird!!

WHEN LUCK TURNS REALLY BAD

Having only just recovered from a second hip op' former Capt Robert Pegg was looking forward to playing our next venue, at Abridge. Then calamity - his wife

Pamela had a stroke send our best wishes for while they were on holi- a speedy recovery. day last week of July.

ing support and advice good fun and the great from the local Stroke camaraderie.'

Support Team". said Robert.
"Naturally my

priority is to support Pam until she improves enough for me to resume golf and bowls.

We at the BGS

ay last week of July.
"I have missed playing "We are already receiv-with the Bengeo GS; the

Sir Henry Cotton's fond welcome

Abridge Golf & Country Club was the first course designed by Sir Henry Cotton, who won The Open three times.

Set in 160 acres of beautiful parkland, with breathtaking views of the Essex Countryside, Abridge is home to some of the major amateur golf tournaments including The South East Regional Open Qualifier.

Henry Cotton is arguably Britain's finest ever golfer, for he won The Open in 1934 1937 and 1948 but lost six years to World War

Cotton designed Abridge in the early 1960s, at the request of The South Essex Jewish Golfing Society who wanted a course of their own. Today Abridge is indisputably one of the best courses in Essex.

Despite being located



close to the M25, Abridge is shielded from the motorway and is situated in a pleasantly undulating area of natural beauty in the heart of the county

At around 6,700 yards it's not the longest course in Essex, but with a number of surprising elevation changes and several plateau greens, it can seem somewhat longer

Be prepared for a testing challenge regardless of your golfing standard.

Abridge is renowned for exceptional greens and well maintained fairways, coupled with some great golf holes.

The 10th, 11th and 12th holes are known as the Abridge 'Amen Corner' - all

three are par-fours stretching out over 400 yards, with outof-bounds all the way on the left.

But the favourite hole for many will be the par three 2nd, where a pond eats into the green on the right hand side. It makes it an exciting feature.

Epping Lane, Stapleford Tawney, Essex RM4 1ST

Wed Aug 1

Pro shop: 01708 688 333

ENTRIES: Register to play via the usual Bengeogolfsociety email or phone Stan Kelley on 01992 586280 (Mobile 07702 36

Cancellation rule: Minimum £20 penalty (full cost at some courses) for cancellations within 3 days of the event.

COMPETITIONS: 18 holes Stableford playing for the **AUTUMN CUP** (holder: John Silverosa).

TEE reserved from 9.30am. Play from the Yellow tees as

COST: Tea/coffee and bacon roll on arrival from 8.45am; lunch, waitress service; Eclectic,



raffle and prize table - all for £60, plus the delight of Abridge golf course.

MOBILE PHONES not allowed anywhere - except in the changing room or inside your DRESS: Tailored knee-length shorts with knee-length socks or short white socks are permitted.

BUGGIES. Ring pro shop.

MESSAGES may be left at the Pro Shop, phone above.

ECLECTIC TABLE

JOHN Waters already equalled last season's top score for the whole of last season – 55pts. Leaders:

55pts: John Waters

- 51: Ian Mitchell, Clive Ackerman
- 50: Stan Kelley, Mick Millen.
- 49: John Hare
- 48: David Grainge, Harry Bracher
- 47: Bhupi Patel, John Silverosa. 46: Robert Clayton, Steve
- Langridge, Ray Whitehead
- 45: Gary Sando, Roger Butcher
- 44: Phil Houston, Steve Foster
- 43: Tim Taylor, Kevin Johnston **Bob Hughes** Stan