

Bengeo Golf Society

Captain: ROBERT CLAYTON



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ROBERT'S BIG DAY... "That's the worst Captain's drive-in I've ever seen" exclaimed Robert, who was playing with Damien Turley, Clive Ackerman (hidden under a bonnet) and new BGS member Kevin Johnston who won the guest prize. Above: the three divisional winners displaying some of their booty, Stan Kelley, Spring Plate winner Damien and Robert himself. Left: Andy Alexander insisting he has extra shots because of a size disadvantage alongside fellow his nearest-pin prizewinner Craig Caswell.

DAMIEN Turley took the pictures at Ashridge – and got fully rewarded by winning our oldest trophy, the Tom Coleman Spring Plate.

Damien was in the picture right from the off. He played with new Captain Robert Clayton and they were still rubbing shoulders at the prizegiving.

Robert blobbed the first

hole – his "Captain's drive-in" – but he still went on to win the mid-handicap group (13-20) with 35 points.

Yours truly (Stan Kelley) did one better with 36 points to win the 0-12 handicap group, but that was still FIVE shots short of Damien's massive 41 points.

It included FIVE points at the 14th (birdie on a two-

shot par-4) in an amazing 24pts for the back nine.

Damien's guest, 12 handicapper Kevin Johnston, completed a clean sweep by winning the guest prize with 35 points. And Kevin then celebrated by signing up to join the BGS.



Nearest pins: 3rd, Craig Caswell; 16th Andrew Alexander.

Full results on the BGS web-site.

CAPTAIN'S CHARITY

"MY charity is 'The Sarcoma Trust' in memory of a lovely lady who died last year from this aggressive type of cancer," writes Robert.

"She died aged just 25 following a very courageous two-year battle."

"The Sarcoma Trust is working in this specific area looking for new treatments to fight the disease and improve survival rates."

"I was extremely pleased

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DID YOU KNOW
 ...that Brookman's Park Golf Club was only built to sell houses?
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FINE MEAL... Captain Robert opened his charity pot by fining himself £10 for "such a poor drive-in". But he then 'fined' 32 others £1 for failing to beat his 35 points.

And to hoots of laughter, Colin Andrews and Scott Ruskin (pictured right) were also given indigestion fines for for massively heaped dinner plates.

See "Captain's Charity".



DATES FOR YOU DIARY.... Wed April 1 Brookman's Park... Wed May 6 North Middlesex.... Wed June 3 Abbotsley Thurs July 2 Saffron Walden Thurs August 6 John O'Gaunt... Wed September 2 Aspley Guise.... Sun/Mon Sept 27/27 De Vere Dunston Hall Hotel, Norwich.... Monday November 2 Gog Magog .

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to raise £72.20 at our first meeting. I thank everyone for their generosity and taking the fines in the spirit they are intended."

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Robert adds a "reminder" that the standing fine at each meeting will be "£1 for everyone that does not beat my score – and I will donate £1 for everyone that **does** beat my score."

That will concentrate the mind, for Robert has just been cut two shots for winning at Ashridge.

ECLECTIC

The eclectic will be run again this year with the proceeds been split between the winners and the Sarcoma Trust.

TWO FREE DAY WINNERS



Bob Pegg and Steve Langridge both had lucky dip free days for Brookman's Park – but that was an amazing THIRD win for Steve

WELCOME... to **Phil Greenwold**, captain of Mill Green Golf Club. Phil plays off 8 and was introduced by Mill Green's immediate past captain, Gwyn Ellis who is now off 4.

Welcome also to **Kevin Johnston**, introduced by Ashridge winner Damien Turley. Kevin is a member of Nazeing Golf Club and plays off 12.

PRICE OF WINNING...

Newcomers may like to know that you get cut two shots for winning any event.

These cuts last for the remainder of the current year plus the whole of the following year. Far better to win nine-hole or team events, because you don't get cut for those.

IT'S A KNOCKOUT!

Draw for the **SINGLES** and **PAIRS** knockout championships will take place at Brookman's Park Wednesday April 1. So get your entry in fast.

The last few entries will be taken at Brookman's Park, but make life easier for yourself (and me) by entering right now – either by emailing or phoning Stan Kelley on 01992 586280 or 07702 363611.

Need a Pairs partner? Then let me know because I already have a man on the waiting list.

The entry fee is a nominal £1 per head for each event. All the **Rules Of Play** will be on the website together with the draw.

Stan

BROOKMAN'S PARK



THE CLUB HOUSE... not so grand as it might have been?

Brookman's Manor was very grand indeed – until a painter destroyed it.

It was owned by Robert George Gausson, who was enjoying a cruising holiday on his yacht when, in 1891, he learned the horrible news that his great manor house had been completely destroyed by a decorator wielding a blowlamp.

Alas, the mansion was never rebuilt. Instead, the stables were converted into a fine house where the family continued to live until the

estate was sold for development in 1923. When the London & North Eastern Railway built a new station at Brookman's Park in 1926, with direct services to Kings Cross and Broad Street, the 18 hole parkland golf course was built to attract buyers for the new houses.

And the new manor house? Well that got converted again – into what became today's club house.

You could say the stable doors have been well and truly bolted!

Wednesday April 1

Golf Club Road, Brookman's Park, Hatfield, AL9 7AT

Pro: IAN JELLEY Tel: 01707 652468

ENTRIES seven days in advance of the event please (**Limit of 36 players**). Email or ring Stan Kelley on 01992 586280 (*Mobile 07702 363611*)

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

COMPETITION: 18 holes Singles Stableford playing for the **Bill Manton Cup** trophy (*holder: Craig Caswell*).

1st tee reserved from 9am. Play from yellow tees as usual.

COST: **Same great price as last year** £45 inclusive of raffle, waitress service and prize table; coffee and bacon rolls on arrival, plus two-course luncheon.

BUGGIES: £20 per round. Trolleys £3.

Call Stan if you are wanting a buggy because they only have three.

HOW TO GET THERE: Brookman's Park is located off the A1000 Great North Road, one mile north of Potters Bar (M25 junct 24).

Those travelling south **on the A1** should take the A1001 exit south of Hatfield tunnel. The A1001 becomes the A1000 after about a mile. After you pass the Essendon turn-off (on your left) look out for the sign to Brookman's Park golf club your right.

Going from Hertford: Take the Essendon road and continue right through to the A1000. Turn left towards Potters Bar, then look out for the sign to Brookman's Park golf club your right.



WATERY 11th... Bunkers left and right beckon anything a bit short.