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Next meeting:

GOG MAGOG Friday November 4**Xmas at EAST HERTS**

Thurs December 8

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LOTS OF STRANGE FACES... that's because we had 11 guests for our Open day – and as you can see from the prize table there were ample prizes for everyone, including the President's Cup won bby Dave O'Brien

THE late burst of October sunshine peaked to perfection for our Panghanger event – and turned out to be the hottest day of the lot at 29°C.

The course was in also superb condition – and the scoring was equally good.

The only disappointment was the size of the field. We had only just 17 members in an entry of 28 – well down on expectation.

Dave O'Brien topped Group 1 and lifted the **President's Cup** with 39 points. But guest Steve Gale came back with a tremendous tally of 42 points off a handicap of 10.

Other top guests: Derek Clarke 40 points, Chris Tilbury 36, Scott Ruskin and John Coyle both 35.

Three BGS members

tied on 37 points: Richard Fobbester, Tim Dent and Craig Caswell.

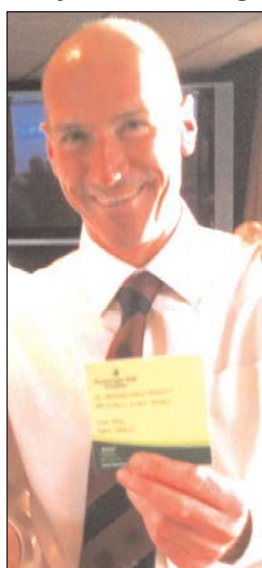
Richard topped Group 3 (h/caps 19+), but Tim lost out on countback, to Craig who wins the Group 2 prize for the second month running.

Thanks to a fantastically low price for the Panghanger green fees,

everyone went home with at least a bottle of wine, having also enjoyed a free pint and lunch – all for just £30.

Players at Panghanger were asked to contribute £1 for every 10 points scored for the Captain's charity. It raised £51 for Alzheimer's Society. Added to the £62 for the golf ticket auction, that makes a total of £113.

* All 11 guests voted our Panghanger day



BID BOY... Nick shows the 4-ball ticket he bought for Panghanger.

great value.

Several said they enjoyed it so much that they'd like to play our next venue at Gog Magog.

HOLIDAY UP FOR XMAS AUCTION

THERE were too few people at the Pan-

shanger day to generate a decent price, so now we will auction the week's holiday at Dave O'Brien's beautiful cottage at our Xmas Scramble.

It's ideally situated on the southern coast of Ireland, with its garden extending right up to the beach.

More details next newsletter. Meanwhile get your bids ready – and you can leave your bid with me, Stan, in advance.

KO TROPHY WINNERS

HARRY Collins is the new **McMullens Singles champion** after beating reigning champion Phil Greenwold 4&3 in the final.

This was played the Harry course, St Neots, where home advantage must have helped. But as Phil says: "Harry was very consistent. He used all his shots well, a deserved winner."

THE Concorde Pairs final went to the second extra hole where Craig

ON A FREEBIE...

Steve Temple is the lucky winner of a free ticket to play Gog Magog



Caswell slotted a birdie to clinch the title for him and Steve Temple against David Morris and Stan Kelley.

This was played at East Herts where there was never more than one hole in it until Stan birdied 14 and David won 16 to go dormy two-up.

Two wayward drives handed the 17th to Craig and Steve, who then also won the 18th with pars after both Stan and David bunkered.

CRAIG IS TOP MAN

VICE-Captain Craig Caswell is the 2011 **Player of the Year** after jumping from third place following our final round at Panghanger.

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best five results out of eight events – and second place (24 points) at Panshanger replaced his third worst score of 16 points, boosting his total to 105.

Key to Craig's success is his consistency. And the same can be said of runners-up Roger Butcher and Steve Temple.

Roger missed one meeting, which probably cost him the title, while reigning champion Steve suffered a strangely poor



TOP GUNS... at Panshanger (L-R) Richard Fobbester, winner Dave O'Brien, top guest Steve Gale and yet-again man Craig Caswell

day at Panshanger, scoring just 12 points for 13th place.

TOP 100 COURSE

OUR next venue just south of Cambridge never gets waterlogged, that's due to the free draining chalk of the Gog Magog Hills.

Built in 1901, Gog Magog Golf Club rates among the top 100 in Britain – and has a long waiting list

to match for membership. Its big appeal is having two championship quality golf courses – plus all the character you would expect from a course with so much history.

The initial course design was created by a local pro, W Duncan, and subsequent changes were made by Willie Park Junior (who designed Sunningdale Old) and the famous course designer James Braid

(Open champion five times and pro at Walton Heath until he died in 1950 aged 80).

Messrs Hawtree & Son made further improvements in recent years and were also responsible for the design of the Wandlebury Course which opened in June 1999.

We played the Wandlebury last year, so we have another crack at the Old Course this time.

ECLECTIC

LAST chance to get your hands on some of the Eclectic dosh will to play at Gog Magog.

Leaders are much the same as last month: Craig Caswell 57 points, Roger Butcher and Damien Turley 56, Brian West 54, Tom Grainge, Sid Platten and Steve Foster all 53.

Stan

FINAL TABLE FOR PLAYER OF YEAR

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

	BH	PP	SW	W	TH	JO	AG	P	Tot
Steve Temple	18	19	22	25	6	17	17	12	101
Roger Butcher	16	16	22	9	0	21	25	19	103
Craig Caswell	23	22	17	16	12	16	19	24	105
Tom Grainge	1	19	0	20	23	20	15	0	97
Sid Platten	1	23	23	21	9	12	15	13	95
Tim Dent	13	0	16	0	19	16	20	24	95
David Grainge	23	22	12	5	17	11	10	0	84
Steve Langridge	8	7	8	24	9	16	24	14	87
John Tass	5	14	0	16	22	0	24	0	81
Phil Greenwold	21	14	24	19	1	0	0	0	79
Brian West	0	0	25	19	1	24	8	0	77
Colin Andrews	13	14	16	11	12	0	17	17	77
Rich Fobbester	1	9	22	0	15	0	24	24	94
Kevin Johnston	0	14	16	0	16	0	24	0	71
David Morris	21	14	0	16	3	0	15	0	69
Steve Foster	8	22	0	9	19	8	5	0	66
Gary Sando	13	1	12	16	15	11	8	21	77
Charles Wallis	1	5	8	3	12	20	19	21	80
Dave O'Brien	19	6	4	11	22	0	0	25	83

NEW MEMBER

Huge welcome to Chris Ashbolt who plays off 10 handicap. He was introduced by Dave O'Brien.

THE GOG MAGOG

FRIDAY NOV 4

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ENTRIES limited to 36 players, so please book early. Email via the website or ring Stan Kelley on 01992 586280 or Mobile 07702 36 36 11.

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

COMPETITIONS: 18 holes Singles Stableford, playing in three-balls, comprising low, middle and high handicaps. Best score first six holes; best two scores for next six, then all three scores for final six holes.

MEET from 9.15am for breakfast, tea/coffee. **TEE-OFF** from 10.30am, 1st tee Old Course.



SHELFORD BOTTOM, CAMBRIDGE CB22 3AB

COST: Same as last year... £53 inclusive dinner, plus prizes, ball sweep and gratuity.

DRESS: Shorts if you like, those blue kneecaps will make a good picture!!! Jackets 'n' BGS ties are a must for dinner as usual.

BUGGIES... available from the pro shop but only few available, cost £22.50. Electric trolleys £8

HOW TO GET THERE: The Gog Magog Golf Club is situated on the A1307 some four miles south of the centre of Cambridge and is easily accessed from London via the M11/A11.

