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Next meeting:
Thursday
August 18 at
TOOT HILL

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TWO Steves are top of the leaderboard.

Steve Langridge is rapidly becoming Mr Untouchable, for in just four outings he's won twice and been runner-up twice. And Steve Foster is right on his heels by having topped Group 3 twice, plus racing away with a morning event.

Steve Langridge's latest victory came at Bedford & County where he claimed the Dennis Sando Cup with 34 points.

That also earns Steve a futher cut of two shots, thus reducing his handicap from 14 to 9.

In addition to the Cup, Steve won the Group 1 prize (handicaps 0-12). Group 2 was topped by vice-captain Clive Ackerman with 33 points, while the same score put wonderboy Steve Foster top of Group 3.

Steve Foster is also enjoying a great season, for he began by topping Group 3 at Gog Magog, then did it again at Old Fold Manor, plus he had a runaway victory in the Three Club trophy at South Beds.

Nearest pins: 5th Robert Clayton, 12th David Grainge.

The morning **Bogey Cup** saw Peter Lacey



TOP BOYS... Vice-captain Clive Ackerman (centre) stood in for Captain Colin Andrews and celebrated in style – by winning Group 2 himself and presenting similar prizes to the two top Steves, Mr. Langridge (left with trophy) and Mr Foster

(picture Back Page) storm to victory with a score of +2 (two shots better than handicap).

But there were no fewer than seven play-

ers tied second, all four shots behind the winner.

They were Nick MacDermott, Mick Rose, Steve Nisbett, Simon Purkiss, Sean Reilly, Steve Langridge and Suru Madhvani.

SHOCK FOR CHAMP NICK

REIGNING McMullen Singles champion Nick MacDermott suffered a right shock at Toot Hill.

His match against Solly Khosravi typically ebbed and flowed for the first 11 holes, with the score all square.

Significantly, Solly birdied the island 12th green to go one up. And another win on 13th left the current champion two down.

"My crown was beginning to slip," recalls Nick, "for the 14th was a shot hole for Solly."

Both teed off well but both suffered duff shots, before Nick holed out for six. Solly had a putt to win the hole and go three-up with four to play, but his putt lipped out.



TOP HAT... Yes that's Dave O'Brien under the headpiece – and that ticket is indeed the winning free day ticket. What a lucky preacher!

PLAYER OF YEAR

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

Steve Foster is still top of the table, but that's likely to be only temporary, because next month will see a slight reshuffle with only your best five scores counting.

That means Steve Langridge is almost certainly take over top spot – and others who haven't yet played five events are also likely to benefit. Top 20 are:

	Gog	Ash	SB	OF	B&C	Tot
Steve Foster	22	21	13	24	24	104
Steve Langridge	24	25	24	0	25	98
Roger Butcher	15	8	21	20	21	85
Robert Clayton	4	21	11	24	21	81
Nick MacDermott	10	14	21	13	8	66
John Silverosa	25	22	17	0	0	64
Colin Andrews	8	17	11	25	0	61
Sid Platten	24	9	17	11	0	61
Dave O'Brien	1	1	17	19	21	59
Bhupi Patel	0	14	24	18	3	59
Gwyn Ellis	0	17	19	22	0	58
Tim Taylor	12	21	13	0	9	55
Stan Kelley	22	24	1	7	0	54
Clive Ackerman	15	14	0	0	24	53
Suru Madhvani	0	14	4	11	21	50
David Grainge	8	5	0	11	21	45
Steve Nisbett	0	0	4	18	21	43
Michael Millen	0	5	11	4	21	41
Solly Khosravi	0	24	0	16	0	40
Gary Sando	6	5	11	11	7	40

"I couldn't believe my luck," said Nick. "But the mental affect on us both was incredible."

That missed putt saw Solly's head drop, but it proved a huge boost

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for Nick, so much so that he went on to win the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th to finish two-up.

The champion still reigns.

Bedford & County saw three KOs completed, including passage through to the next round of the **McMullen Singles championship** for new boy Mick Rose.

He beat Gary Sando 2&1. And in the **Pairs championship** Dave O'Brien and Sean Reilly beat Ted Platten and Peter Lacey 4&3.

Suru Madhvani and Bhupi Patel beat Nick MacDermott and Steve Campbell 4&3.



PETER THE POTTER... Having finished four shots clear of the field, Peter Lacey must have been potting those putts rather well. Here he is displaying the Bogey Cup, presented by vice captain Clive Ackerman.

HOW GOOD ARE YOU AT GUESSING AGES?

SO when was Toot Hill Golf Course built? Fifty, perhaps 100 years ago?

The condition of the course and the maturity of the trees certainly give that impression.

Toot Hill no ordinary course. The views are breathtaking and the layout spectacular. This renowned undulating parkland course is rated among the finest in Essex.

Rolling hills, carefully placed bunkers and water hazards, including the spectacular island green par-3 12th hole all

add to the challenges that inspire golfers of all standards on each and every hole.

So how old? Well let's not keep you in suspense any longer. Construction of the course started in 1989 and it was open for play in September 1991.

So that makes it just 25 years old. Remarkable use of the existing landscape.

Likewise, the clubhouse was simply created from the original farmhouse.

Stan



TOOT HILL GOLF CLUB

School Road, Toot Hill, Ongar, Essex CM5 9PU



ENTRIES at least seven days in advance of the event. Book to play via the Bengo website (see Page 1) or phone Stan Kelley 01992 586280 or 07702 363611

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

COMPETITIONS. *Morning:* 12 holes playing 4BBB for the **APHID PAIRS CUP** (holders Colin Andrews/Peter Lacey). *Afternoon:* 18 holes Stableford playing for the **AUTUMN CUP** (holder: Simon Purkiss).

TEE TIMES: 1st reserved from 9am and 1.30pm. Play from the Yellow tees as usual.

COST: Bacon rolls and coffee on arrival, lunch and 3-course

dinner, plus prizes, raffle, waitress gratuity, Eclectic and 30 holes of golf – all for £75.

MOBILE PHONES not allowed anywhere – except in the changing room or car park. **DRESS:** Tailored knee-length shorts with knee-length socks or white short socks are preferred.

BUGGIES. £25 per round or £35 for all 30 holes. Let me know if you require someone to share.

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

Thursday August 18

Pro Shop and Clubhouse: 01277 366221

HOW TO GET THERE: Via M11: Leave at junction 7 Harlow and take the A414 towards Chelmsford.

After 1.2 miles you come to a roundabout take the 1st exit (A414 towards Chelmsford). After 1.2 miles you reach the Talbot roundabout go straight over (2nd exit). After 1.0 miles turn right into Blake Hall Road, and after 1.1 miles turn right into Toot Hill Road.

Continue into Toot Hill Village, just past the Green Man Pub take the left turn towards Stanford Rivers. The Golf Club



is 300 yards on the right hand. **From Hertford:** Take A414 going across the M11 and follow directions as above.