

# Bengeo Golf Society

Captain: ROBERT CLAYTON



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## NEW captain, Robert Clayton is gearing up to hit us all for six!

He's got an impressive record – the leading wicket taker in the Saracens Hertfordshire League.

And Robert's now setting his sights on adding BGS cups to his trophy cabinet, starting with the Spring Plate at **Ashridge**, a top 100 course.

Robert will open the batting – the Captain's "Drive in" – on Tuesday March 10.

That's a great *hors d'oeuvre* for the BGS 2009 menu, for our next course is a return to tasty **Brookman's Park** on Wednesday April 1.

It's followed by another superb delicacy, **North Middlesex**. It was designed over 100 years ago by the great Willie Park Jnr, right after he created Sunningdale. Our first-ever visit will be Wednesday May 6.

Next stop is Wednesday June 3 at **Abbotsley**, who have agreed to us using their "members" dining room and facilities.

We then return to super **Saffron Walden** on Thursday July 2. It's rated among the cream of Essex.

But we then get to taste the icing on the cake where Bedfordshire clubs are concerned – **John O'Gaunt**. We test both of their courses on Thursday August 6.

CAPTAIN'S DAY follows at **Aspley Guise and Woburn Sands** on Wednesday September 2... Robert is bound to be bowling a few googlies!

Then it's off to Norfolk for special weekend at the **4-star Dunston Hall Hotel**. They've agreed to peg the price to the same fab deal (£85 all in) we enjoyed two years back. But it'll be subject to our course inspection in the spring (to make sure that it has recovered OK after the greens were vandalised). We play two rounds of golf **Sunday / Monday** September 27/28, with dinner, B&B on Sunday night, plus Monday lunch, all in the plush hotel.

We enjoyed a great day at **Gog Magog** last year so have pencilled in a return on Monday Nov 2. But they cannot accept our booking until they sort their new rates.

Our year ends with the Xmas Scramble but this, too, appears too early to book.

**1,900 NOT OUT...** Chairman for past 14 years of Watton at Stone Cricket Club, Robert has taken them from a village side playing friendlies to one with two teams in the Saracens Hertfordshire League. He is the club's leading wicket taker (over 1,900) "and despite my advancing years I hope to reach 2,000 in next two seasons".

Robert also won the league bowling award last season with 50 wickets at an average of 10. "It's as well my bowling continues to stand up as my fielding has certainly deteriorated with age, but I remain fully fit for the after cricket drinking as any worthwhile cricketer will tell you a match does not finish until closing time!"

## £700 FOR CHARITY

Past captain Dave O'Brien was so delighted to raise well over £600 from our events, that he decided to make it up to £700.

Expect a picture soon of him paying over the cheque to the Catholic Children's Society. "I am on the fund raising committee in Hertfordshire, so

the money is ring fenced for Hertfordshire families and children in need, no matter what faith or even none," says Dave.

## NEW PRIZE FORMAT

Instead of prizes for the top three, we will be grouping players into three handicap divisions, with one prize for each.

This follows a proposal put before the AGM and is initially for an undetermined trial period. The handicap groupings will reflect entries at each individual meeting. It does not effect the **Player of the Year** scoring system.

## WE HAVE A SPONSOR

NEW member Paul Jezard, who owns SHC Bars of Grantham, has teamed up with Carlsberg to generously provide us with a whole year's supply balls for our

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**ELECTRIC ECLECTICS...** Colin Andrews (left) was in the money for the second year running, but no one could touch Roger Bukin's 56 points. Brian West (right) was runner-up with 54, then Colin on 53 points. Prizes: £70, £40 and £20.

Picture rigged together by Stan Kelley

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