

First BGS meeting of 2009: **ASHRIDGE** TUESDAY MARCH 10

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PICTURESQUE...National Trust woodland, bags of wildlife, including roaming deer

ENTRIES at least seven days in advance of the event please. 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 **Spring Plate** (holder: Peter Waters).

TEE TIMES: 8.30am from **two** start tees. Play from yellow tees as usual.

COST: £70 inclusive prize table, £6 ball sweep and tips, plus coffee from 7.45am, and **4-course** luncheon.

MESSAGES may be left at the Pro Shop.

BUGGIES/TROLLEYS: No buggies available unfortunately, but they do have electric trolleys for hire, £10.

HOW TO GET THERE: From M25 - Leave at exit 20, take the A41 (dual carriageway) towards Aylesbury. Leave A41 at the Chesham exit - A416. Follow signs to Berkhamsted. At traffic lights on junction with Berkhamsted High Street turn left. After a mile or so you reach Northchurch. Turn right by School and Church onto B4506 (called New Road) sign posted Ashridge. After approximately 3 miles, Club is on the right hand side. **From M1** Exit 8 and go straight across all



roundabouts until reaching the 'magic roundabout' in centre of Hemel Hempstead. Turn right around roundabout and take the A4146 to Leighton Buzzard. Stay on this road for about 7 miles, going over narrow bridge at Water End, until reaching mini-roundabout at Dagnall. Turn left onto B4506. Up the hill into Ringshall and Club entrance is sign-posted about 1/2 mile further on left. Follow private road to clubhouse and car park.

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sweep, plus trophies for our **Player of the Year**.

SHC are in the catering/bar business, having contracted for huge events like... World Touring Cars, Concerts and Carnivals, Farnborough Air Show and even Badminton Horse Trials.

BGS WEBSITE

PHIL Houston has bravely taken on running our website. He succeeds Tom Lavery who was forced to quit due to Pressure of work.

Tom, who has also quit as Handicaps Secretary, created the website from scratch - a huge task which is beyond most of us.

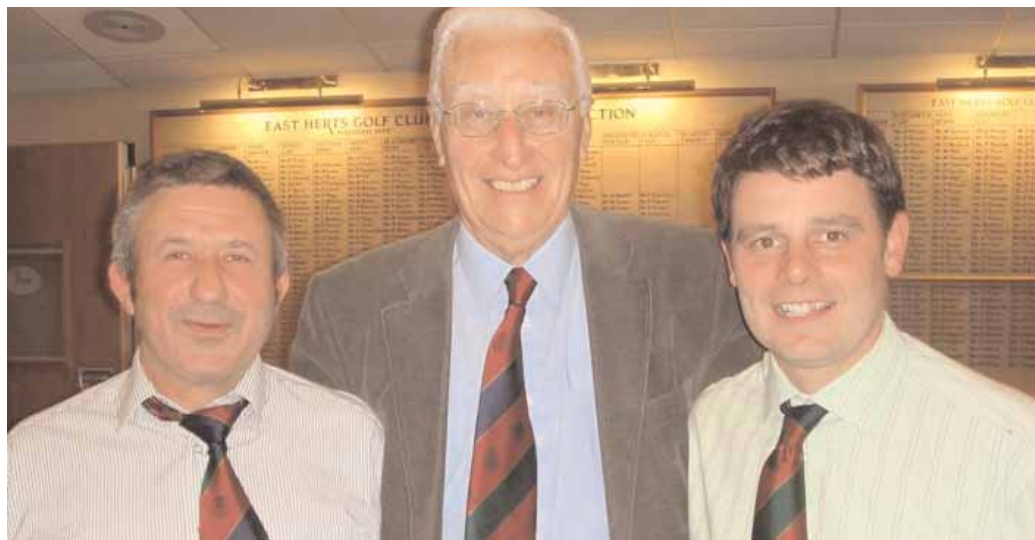
We are very lucky to have Phil Houston able and willing to take over the website. But we must now find a new man to take over those handicaps.

BRAIN TUMOUR

SID Platten has suffered a brain tumour, leaving him paralysed all down his right side.

He was taken to QELL Hospital back in May, was then transferred to the Royal Free, operated upon and remained hospitalised for three-and-a-half months.

"It was a Sunday. I got out of bed, then fell



WE THREE FREEBIES... The smiles say it all, John Richardson, Bill Bridgwater and Scott Ruskin each drew winning tickets at the BGS Xmas Scramble. And that means they're on a free day at Ashridge, all except the price of another lucky ticket of course.

over and couldn't get up again," said Sid (16.2.09). "I came out of hospital in a wheelchair and it was December before I could walk again - and that was only with a walking frame."

It was nearly the end of January before he could discard walking sticks, "and now I'm going to chance my luck at playing golf on Sunday," adds Sid. "And I'm hoping to get back with Bengoe by May, which is six months ahead of what the specialist reckoned."

Stan

WELCOME

..to Phillip Greenwold Mill Green Golf Club's new captain, who has already booked in for six of our venues, starting with Ashridge

ASHRIDGE BECKONS

SET amongst thousands of acres of National Trust woodland, Ashridge features among the top 100 courses in the UK. What's more the R&A has again appointed Ashridge an 'Open Championship' Regional Qualifying course for 2009.



Ashridge launches our 2009 season on Tuesday March 10. It never has temporary greens or tees - and we're be favoured with two start tees yet again.

There's a bit of history attached to almost every hole. Bernard Darwin wrote: "The romantic and traditional names have not been lost... Witchcraft Bottom, Nobs Crook, Thunderbell, Princess Riding - that's the 13th now named 'Queen Elizabeth's Drive' - a long avenue with a stately monument at the end of it. (See the tee plate above).