

Ullenwood Golfing Times - 2009 Digest

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15 March 2009

Please find attached the results from the One Club Competition and Competition Scoring Analysis. Tremendous round by Martin Skerritt with a gross 63, winning by 8 strokes over Mike Barwick, who pipped George Kennedy into third place on countback.

The next competition is the Warwick Squires Cup on 28 March. Please sign up in the hut by 21 March to be in the draw (still OK to turn up on the day of course). The new handicap list for 2009 is also posted up in the hut.

Sign up sheets for this year's outings to Cirencester, Minchinhampton and Wychwood will go up later this week.

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Warwick Squires Cup

The start sheet for the Warwick Squires Cup on Saturday 28 March is attached. Please note which tee you should start from.

Changes to entry fees

The Members' Group has agreed to waive the entry fee for the Knockout, Eclectic and Grand Prix competitions, and to put the normal competition entry fee up from £2.50 to £3.00. This will avoid the need to collect entry fees for these "all season" competitions, and allow all competitors to take part in the Eclectic and Grand Prix.

Diary Dates

Closing date for entries to the Gerry White Knockout Matchplay is **19 April 2009**. Please sign up on the sheet in the hut. Please also sign up for the days out on the sheets in the hut – there will be a limit on numbers of 24 for each of these events, so sign up early!

Wednesday 20th May	Cirencester GC (first tee 2.00)
Thursday 9th July	Minchinhampton GC (first tee 2.00 pm)
Tuesday 18th August	The Wychwood GC (first tee 9:30 am)

Other dates for your diary:

Sunday 29th November	John Grey Wine Competition (9:00 am start)
Friday 18th December	Christmas dinner and prize giving (at Lilleybrook GC)

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28 March 2009

Another good turnout for the first handicap competition of the year, with 21 players entering. Timed starts on holes 1 and 6 worked well with all groups completing their matches by 4 pm. Today's winner with a solid 33 points was Richard Hardcastle, beating John Parsons into second place on countback. Honourable mentions for the best gross scores to Martin Skerritt (64) and Pete Moreton (68). Results, Scoring Analysis, Eclectic and Grand Prix attached.

The next competition is the E Parsons Cup, 08:00 start on Sunday 19th April. Sign up in the hut by Sat 11 April to be included in the draw.

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19 April 2009

Here are the results from this morning's competition, plus lots of other attachments. 17 players signed in - two rather late! A chilly start but hard to blame the conditions or the course for some decidedly average scores. The winner of the E Parsons Cup was Grant Tredgett with an excellent nett 56 (gross 74), Martin Skerritt was runner up with a nett 58 and a gross 64, the best on the day by a margin of 6 shots. Peter Bennett was pipped into third place on countback.

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26 April 2009

Here are the results from the May Day Cup, played on 25 April, together with latest eclectic and grand prix tables. Nineteen players took part in fine but rather blustery conditions and the winning nett score from Barry Aldridge was 60 (gross 78). Runner up was yours truly with a nett 61. Best gross score was Martin Skerritt with 68.

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18 May 2009

Please find attached the results of the Fourball Competition played on 17 May. 15 competitors turned up which meant that someone was without a partner. John Parsons was the unlucky one, but agreed to play in order to mark a card. The result was very close, with two teams tied on a nett 51, but Peter Bennett and Brian Giles clinched victory on countback. Interestingly, the result would have been different if we had played "average" handicaps rather than individual as it all came down to the extra shot that Brian was able to claim on hole 16.

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31 May 2009

Please find attached the results of the Pycraft Plate, played in beautiful sunshine on 30 May 2009. 20 players took part and the winner was Peter Moreton, with 31 points and the best gross score of 64. Runner-up was Mike Gethin with 30 points.

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22 June 2009

Results from the M Darwell Cup on 21 June are attached. 17 competitors turned out on another fine golfing afternoon. The clear winner was Adrian Wellington, with a nett 56 (69 gross), earning himself a well-deserved cut in handicap.

Pete Moreton and Trevor Fitch tied for second with scores of nett 58, and the runner-up's bottle of wine was awarded to Pete - but it should have gone to Trevor! The way ties are determined in stroke play depends on the decision of "The Committee", but the usual method (assuming that we don't send them out to play another 18 holes) is "countback" based on *nett* scores (i.e. after deducting the appropriate proportion of handicap). So, although Pete's back 9 was 2 shots better on gross score, Trevor's nett score on the back 9 was 2 shots better. Trevor - I'm sure Pete will return your rightful winnings! Sunday's competition also elevates Trevor to top of the leader board on the Grand Prix.

Next competition is the Anniversary Cup which will be on 4 July starting at 1 pm. We will do a draw for start times on the day. As this will be a somewhat unusual cross country format, there will be a special briefing for competitors before we tee off.

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5 July 2009

Results from the Anniversary Cup on 4 July are attached. There were 22 competitors for this non-qualifying competition on a very warm afternoon. Following the success of last year's "cross country" format, a few adjustments to the course were made for this year, to improve the flow of groups around the course.

The course was a "true test of golf" with players having to think about yardages and club selection and new hazards coming into play. Well deserved winner was Martin Skerritt, with a nett 33, equalling the notional par for the course. Runner up was John Pulham with nett 34, beating Nick Lane on countback. This included an outstanding 2 on hole 3 (from 6th tee to 13th green), making this an "eagle". Two other birdies were recorded, by Alan Timson and Tony Gates, but Tony's was not declared on the day.

One entire group was disqualified under Rule 11-4 for playing from outside the teeing ground. Note that if they had noticed their error before completing the hole, and had replayed from the correct tee, it would have been a 2-shot penalty rather than disqualification.

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12 July 2009

Minchinhampton Day Out

Results from the "day out" to Minchinhampton Golf Club on 9 July are attached. There were 13 competitors on the day, and we played in four groups on the "Avening" course. The weather conditions were favourable and the course was in very good condition, resulting in some excellent scores. The main competition was individual Stableford, with two players tied on 36 points, but the

winner was Pete Moreton, beating John Allen into second and closely followed by John Grey on 35 points.

"Nearest the pin" was played on 4 holes, and a subsidiary team competition was won by Pete Moreton, John Grey and Martyn Young with an aggregate of 100 Stableford points. I think everyone agreed that the clubhouse, course facilities and meal were all excellent.

Hut News

As you are aware the hut was due to be refurbished by the summer. This work has not taken place as it has been decided to relocate the hut, when the improvements will then be carried out. When, Why and Where the hut is to be resited are yet to be established.

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19 July 2009

The results from the Gates Salver competition played on 18 July are attached. Once again, the weather was kind and a field of 21 competitors took part, foregoing armchair golf from Turnberry. We didn't have the galleries or the views of Ailsa Craig, but we did have a good game of golf. Three players tied with 34 Stableford points, but today's winner was yours truly on countback, and the runner up was Martin Skerritt, also with 34 (not Nick Lane as announced), closely followed by John Pulham. Nick's card was incorrect as the marker awarded 2 points for a gross 5, (nett 4) on hole 10, so Nick's total score was 33 points. However, this wasn't the only error on the cards - in all 5 cards were incorrect, but as the gross scores appear to have been correctly recorded, no-one was disqualified (this time!). The other offenders were:

Peter Bennett - 2 points rather than 1 recorded for a gross 4 on hole 17.

Carol Bennett - Total score was 16 points, not 14 as on your card.

Jerry McGrath - Total score was 24 points, not 26 as on your card.

John Grey - Total score was 28 points, not 27 as on your card, and you also used the old card with the wrong stroke indices!

Responsibility for the card lies with the player, not the marker, so check your cards before you hand them in!

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26 July 2009

The next competition is the Holloway Society Cup, at 1 pm on Saturday 1 August. Tee times for those that signed up in advance are attached. Otherwise, just turn up on the day. Big thank you to John Grey for organising the weather (and everything else) for the Barbecue yesterday. A very pleasant afternoon in good company.

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2 August 2009

Results of the Holloway Society Cup, played on Saturday 1 August are attached, along with a competition scoring analysis, and the latest Eclectic and Grand Prix positions. Twenty golfers

braved the weather, including one lady competitor, and I think everyone found it tough going. Nevertheless, a couple of good scores from Peter Bennett (nett 57) and Mike Barwick (nett 59) showed what could be done. There were just three birdies recorded. In view of the conditions, and the resulting high scores, I have decided not to make this a qualifying competition for handicap purposes.

It still counts in the Grand Prix and Eclectic, and these competitions are now at the halfway stage. Martin Skerritt leads the eclectic with 53, and only 2 holes refusing to concede to par. I am hanging on to a slim lead in the GP, but a way to go yet!

And finally...I've been working on a web site for members. Still very much work in progress, but you can have a browse at: www.umgs.webs.com

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16 August 2009

Results from the last two competitions are attached, along with the latest Grand Prix and Eclectic results. The G Manners Cup was played on 9 August, with 14 competitors. Trevor Fitch was the clear winner, with a nett 55 (gross 68) earning him a cut of 0.7, and taking him to top spot in the Grand Prix. Runner up was Mike Barwick with a nett 59 (also gross 68).

The Stableford Cup took place on 15 August, and was won by Mike Gethin with 31 Stableford points, beating John Grey on countback. There were 17 players on this fine afternoon, and the toughest hole overall was the 12th, with an average score of over 5.

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22 August 2009

Results from the day out to The Wychwood Golf Club are attached. We had 16 players on the day, who enjoyed a good day's golf in ideal weather. The clubhouse staff looked after us well and made us feel very welcome.

The morning 9 hole individual competition was won by John Grey with an excellent 20 points (day out handicap now under review). Runner up was Mike Gethin, 5 of whose 18 points were scored on one hole - by getting a birdie 2, chipping in from a bunker, on a par three where he had 2 shots, for a nett zero! The afternoon team competition was well contested, and the winning team of Peter Bennett, John Grey and Ray Poole collected a total of 88 points. As 36 points of the total were contributed by PB, his day out handicap is also under the microscope!

Next competition is the Chairman's Cup, starting at 8.00 on Sunday 23 August. Only four players signed up in advance, so they will have the honour of starting in the first two groups. Please note that some essential "hollow-tining" work on the greens will start shortly, and as a result the greens may be somewhat uneven, but it should pay off in the long run.

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24 August 2009

The Chairman's Cup was played on Sunday 23 August. Only 10 competitors made it for the 8.00 am start, and once again we enjoyed fine golfing weather.

The winner (his first Grand Prix qualifying win of the season) with 34 points was Martin Skerritt, who also knocked the last bogey off his eclectic card, and took himself to the top of the Grand Prix leaderboard. Well played, Martin! Runner up was Tony Gates with a creditable 31 points.

Next competition is the Vic Wilsdon Cup on 12 September, starting at 1 pm. Sign up sheet is in the hut - names for the draw by 5 Sept please.

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13 September 2009

Results from the Vic Wilsdon Cup, played on 12 September are attached. Once again, we enjoyed a fine afternoon for golf, and a good field of 20 golfers turned out.

Work on tining and top dressing the greens continues. The "blues" seem to to be coming on nicely but are not yet ready to play on, so we played twice round on the "reds". This arrangement seemed to favour your competition secretary who stormed round with a nett 52 (65 gross). Runner-up was Mike Barwick with 57 nett, closely followed by Nick Lane with 58. This competition is not handicap qualifying, because we did not play the full course. Nice to see Ben Dickens and Bill Chappell join their first competitions this year.

I understand from Nick that the aim is to swap over the playing greens from "red" to "blue" shortly, so that the work can be completed on the greens before the end of the month.

Web pages

I've been posting results, photos etc to a new website, which you might like to have a look at:

www.umgs.webs.com

Eclectic, Grand Prix and Knock-Out

The latest Eclectic and Grand Prix positions are on the attached sheets. With three comps to go, Martin Skerritt is leading in both of these events.

The final of the Knock-Out will be between myself and John Pulham, and we have agreed to play this on 19 September, weather permitting.

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22 September 2009

Results from the "Scratch" and "Rabbits" competitions which took place on 20 September are attached.

The Scratch competition was won by Mike Barwick with 65, runner up (on countback) was Martin Skerritt with 67, beating Pete Moreton into third.

The best Rabbit (some would say bandit on current form) was your Competition Secretary with a gross 67 (54 nett), runner-up was Martyn Young with a gross 73, (55 nett).

Once again, the weather was perfect for golf, and we were able to use the newly prepared blue greens for the competition. The conditions led to some good scoring with the CSS being one less than Standard Scratch in the Rabbits competition. There were five birdies recorded. Both competitions can count in the eclectic and an updated sheet is attached. Only the Rabbits competition is handicap qualifying, and my win earned a cut of 0.6 to exact handicap.

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4 October 2009

The Watts Memorial Cup was played on Saturday 3 October, in breezy but fine conditions. As the red greens have just been tined and top-dressed, we played the "blues" twice. This means that it was non-qualifying for handicap purposes, but still counts for eclectic and grand prix.

Another good turn out of 20 competitors all keen for glory, and the best on the day were Barrie Aldridge and Mike Barwick, both with 33 Points. Barrie won on countback with a solid second half gross of 36, earning 18 Stableford points.

In third place was Terry Anderson who would have won with just one less "blob". Which brings me on to the scorecards! Three cards were incorrectly scored yesterday:

Terry Anderson (marker Peter Bennett) - points total one less than it should have been.
Rubin Hart (marker George Kennedy) - points total one more than it should have been.
Peter Bennett (marker Tony Gates) - points total one less than it should have been.

None of these errors are cause for disqualification, neither did they materially change the outcome of the competition, but it does mean the results announced on the day can be wrong, and it also means I have to do more checking!

Please remember that it is the gross score (that is the number of times you hit the ball before it goes in the hole) that is important. Check your card before you hand it in!

The Grand Prix is shaping up to a tight finish with 2 competitions to go - by my reckoning, any one of the top 5 players could win so plenty to play for yet, and it's quite likely to go to the last competition before being decided.

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18 October 2009

The Whitbread Cup was played on 18 October, starting at 8.00 am in decidedly chilly conditions. The air temperature was +4 C at on arrival, but it warmed up during the morning.

As the red greens are still recovering from treatment, we played twice round on the blues. There were 12 hardy competitors, and the fine dry conditions meant that there was a good sprinkling of birdies. Today's winner was myself with a nett 56 (69 gross). Runner up with a net 58 was John Parsons, pushing Martin Skerritt into 3rd, just ahead of Mike Barwick on countback. Best gross scores on the day were Martin Skerritt and Peter Moreton, both with 66. Although the competition was not handicap qualifying (because the full course was not used), I have been awarded a 1 stroke cut in handicap, as a general play adjustment.

The Grand Prix will be decided at the last qualifying competition - Kate's Cup on 31 October. The

contenders are myself and Martin Skerritt, with Trevor Fitch and Mike Barwick also in with a shout for runner-up.

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1 November 2009

The result of Kate's Cup, played on 31 October, is attached, along with the competition scoring analysis. This was also the last qualifying competition of 2009 for the Eclectic and Grand Prix competitions, and the final results are attached. We have had 34 competitors in these competitions this year.

Martin Skerritt takes the prize for the Eclectic with a gross 48, runners up were Pete Moreton and Mike Barwick, both on 51. In the Grand Prix, my recent streak of form means that I held on to first place, as Martin needed to come 4th or better in the last competition to secure the extra points needed. The President is debating whether this merits a further cut.

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15 November 2009

The Seniors' Cup and the Under 60s Cup were played on Saturday 14 November, in wet and windy weather on a decidedly squelchy course. Nevertheless, 11 hardy souls turned out - of which all but three played in the Seniors competition. This competition is played with handicaps relative to age, thus giving George Kennedy a 5 stroke advantage over his nearest rivals.

George made the most of this, turning in a very reasonable gross 77 (58 net) in the conditions to win the competition, with Peter Moreton one shot behind (gross 71, net 59). Best gross score on the day was Martin Skerritt with an excellent 66 (net 63).

Tony Gates took third place, as due to an error when deducting the handicap on Tony Gates card, his total was actually 63 rather than 64 as recorded. This is not a disqualification offence as the individual scores and total were correct, but did change the result of the competition from that announced, pushing Martin Skerritt into fourth place on countback.

There were just three competitors in the "Juniors" competition, and Rubin Hart won with a net 60 (gross 81), with Adrian Wellington taking the runner-up spot with a net 64. Unfortunately, Rubin's card also included errors in the totting up, although this did not change the result of the competition.

The Seniors Cup is not handicap qualifying, because of the unusual handicapping system for this event. The Under 60s event was "reduction only" but no-one qualified for a cut in any event.

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29 November 2009

The Annual John Grey Wine Competition took place on Sunday 29 November 2009, in wet and breezy conditions. Although there were glimpses of blue sky, everyone finished up decidedly damp.

Just eight competitors braved the weather and in a tightly fought competition John Grey came in the

winner with a nett 56 (gross 67). Runner-up with nett 58 (gross 70) was your Competition Secretary. Proceeds from the entry fees will go to wine on the table for the annual dinner and prize-giving on Friday 18 December - not too late to sign up! Cheques to Tony Gates please asap.

Mike Barwick and Trevor Fitch tied on nett scores of 59 for third place, with Trevor just stealing third on countback. Trevor also gets a mention for an outrageous three birdies, scooping the pot of £4.

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6 December 2009

The 2009 competition season was brought to a close with the Turkey Trot, played on Saturday 5 December. The weather remained fine although the course was rather soggy after yet more rain, forcing the "preferred lie" rule to be used. The rule is that a ball lying in a "closely mown area" through the green may, without penalty, be lifted cleaned and placed within six inches of where it originally lay, but not nearer the hole.

Some good scores were recorded by the 15 competitors on the day, the winner being John Grey with a gross 68, net 57. The "Committee" will be closely scrutinising John's record for a possible end of season general play adjustment. Runner up with a fine gross 64 (net 58) was Martin Skerritt. Third place went to Tony Gates, also with a net 58.

Nigel Knee