

For Club Members' Information

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Message from the County Secretary/Treasurer – Peter York

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the County Jottings. Our golfing season is complete and we have had only one success this year with our Elite Squad Boys winning the EGU South East Group Junior Foursomes at Sudbury in August – a marathon event – and a great win over some very classy opposition. The 1st Team just lost their League on ‘goal difference’ to Hertfordshire even though we beat them at the beginning of the season. Once again we were a distant 7th in the County Qualifying at Ashridge and really have some work to do in these stroke play events at every level. The Seniors did not dominate as they have done over the years and failed to reach any of their final opportunities. No doubt normal service will be resumed next year, but we could do with a few ‘youngsters’ catching the selector’s eye. Our Junior Teams at U14, U16 and U18 levels all performed well and we are excited about the future with many of these lads looking as if they could be fighting for 1st team places in the very near future. We are grateful to our Sponsors – Fullers and Nike – for their support this year and the eleven Nike Futures Tour tournaments in 2012 should see us uncover a few potential ‘superstars’ from these events.

The work of the Golf Partnership continues with the Academy Coaching programme for this year now drawing to an end. A number of recruitment days have been held throughout the summer in order to identify junior players with potential who will go forward into next year’s Academy programme. We are delighted that we have also established a Special Needs Academy Programme and we will have about 16 young adults experiencing the delights of this great game of ours – your money well spent. As ever, our special thanks to all the volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make all of our initiatives and tournaments such a success. Please feel free to do your bit – just call me if you would like to help in any way. Congratulations to all the winners of our Championship and Trophy Events, also to those who represented the County at Junior, Senior and County levels. Sandy Bolton (Frliford Heath) won the main Order of Merit in a close run contest and Chris Aubrey (Caversham Heath) won the Junior Order of Merit by a mile.

Our 2012 fixture list appears on the following pages and will be updated as soon as provisional dates and venues have been confirmed. Please visit our website to obtain details of our events and to enter them online. Please let us know if you would like us to include any other information.

Finally, a special thanks to all the Clubs and Members who willingly gave up their courses for our events this year. We are appreciative of your support of County Golf.

Month	Date	Event	Venue
February			
Monday	13	Hillman Trophy Entries Close	
Thurs-Sun	15-18	Portuguese International Amateur	Montado Golf
Wed-Sun	29-4	Spanish International Amateur	Alcanada (Majorca)
March			
Saturday	3	BB&O Boys U18s v Wellington College	Wellington College
Sunday	4	BB&O County v Scratch League	TBA
Monday	5	BB&O Annual Dinner	Blue Mountain
Saturday	10	BB&O County v Calcot Park GC	Calcot Park
Tues/Wed	13/14	Bernard Darwin Youths Salver	Rye
Wednesday	14	Buckinghamshire Scratch Open (OM)	Buckinghamshire
Saturday	17	BB&O County v Frilford Heath GC	Frilford Heath
Thursday	29	BB&O Annual Council Meeting at 11.00 am	Maidenhead
Saturday	31	Berkhamsted Trophy	Berkhamsted
April			
Sunday	1	BB&O Boys U18s v Hampshire (Away)	Meon Valley
Thursday	5	BB&O Futures Tour	Caversham Heath
Sunday	8	BB&O v Surrey (Friendly) (Home)	Caversham Heath
Tuesday	10	BB&O Boys U14s v Bedfordshire v Middlesex (League) (Home)	Farnham Park
Wednesday	11	BB&O Junior Champion Club	North Oxford
Sat/Sun	14/15	Duncan Putter	Southerndown
Thursday	12	BB&O Boys U18s v Hertfordshire (Away)	Aldwickbury Park
Thursday	12	BB&O Futures Tour	Temple
Wed/Thurs	18/19	Peter McEvoy Trophy	Copt Heath
Saturday	21	Selborne Salver	Blackmoor
Saturday	21	BB&O Boys U18s v Surrey (Away)	TBC
Sunday	22	Hampshire Hog	North Hants
Sunday	29	BB&O County v Stoke Poges GC	Stoke Park
	TBC	BB&O v Warwickshire (Friendly) (Away)	Pending Confirmation of match
May			
Fri-Sun	4-6	Lytham Trophy	Royal Lytham & St Annes
Fri-Sun	4-6	Fairhaven Trophy	Fairhaven
Sunday	6	BB&O County v Dorset (Friendly) (Away)	Broadstone
Sunday	6	BB&O Futures Tour	Sunningdale Ladies
Thurs/Fri	10-12	South of England Links Championship	Royal St George's & Royal Cinque Ports
Mon/Tues	14/15	BB&O Seniors Championship	Denham
Tuesday	15	Brabazon Trophy - Southern Region Qualifying	Rochester & Cobham
Monday	21	BB&O Seniors v Essex (League) (Home)	Maidenhead
Wednesday	23	Castle Royle Masters (OM)	Castle Royle
Fri-Sun	25-27	Welsh Open Strokeplay Championship	Prestatyn
Sunday	27	BB&O v Bedfordshire (League) (Home)	Heythrop Park
Sunday	27	BB&O Futures Tour	Badgemore Park
Wed-Thurs	30/31	Lagonda Trophy	Gog Magog
Wed-Fri	30-1	Irish Seniors Championship	Athenry
Wed-Fri	30-1	English Seniors Championship	Aldeburgh & Thorpeness
June			
Fri-Sun	1-3	Scottish Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship	Kilmarnock (Barassie)
Saturday	2	BB&O Boys U18s v Bedfordshire (Away)	Millbrook
Sunday	3	BB&O v Middlesex (League) (Home)	Heythrop Park
Sunday	3	Beaumont Pease Trophy (OM)	Tadmerton Heath
Wed-Sat	6-9	European Mid Amateur	Estonia
Thursday	7	EGU/SE Group Boys County Qualifying	Effingham

Friday	8	BB&O Futures Tour	Hadden Hill
Fri-Sun	8-9	St. Andrews Links Trophy	St. Andrews
Monday	11	BB&O Seniors v Bedfordshire (League) (Away)	The Bedford
Wednesday	13	Frilford Heath Gold Medal (OM)	Frilford Heath
Thurs-Sat	14-16	European Seniors Championship	Austria
Friday	15	BB&O Colts (Under 25) & Mid Age (Over 25) Championship	The Lambourne (TBC)
Saturday	16	BB&O Boys U14s v Wellington College	Wellington College
Mon-Sat	18-23	British Amateur Championship	Royal Troon & Glasgow Gailes
Tues/Wed	19/20	EGU/SE Group Seniors Qualifying	Moor Park
Friday	22	Burnham Beeches Open (OM)	Burnham Beeches
Sat/Sun	23/24	Berkshire Trophy	The Berkshire
Sunday	24	BB&O Futures Tour	Drayton Park
Monday	25	Open Championship Regional Qualifying	Various
Tues-Thurs	26-28	Welsh Seniors Championship	St Mellons
Fri-Sun	28-1	English Men's Stroke Play Championship - Brabazon Trophy	Walton Heath
Friday	29	BB&O Scratch/Handicap Foursomes	Heythrop Park

July

Sunday	1	BB&O County v Woburn GC	Woburn
Tuesday	3	Open Championship Final Qualifying	Various
Wednesday	4	East Berkshire Stag (OM)	East Berkshire
Wed-Fri	4-5	Scottish Seniors Championship	Luffness
Fri-Sun	6-8	English Mid Amateur Championship - Logan Trophy	Purdis Heath
Friday	6	BB&O Champion Club/Courage Trophy	Stoke Park
Sunday	8	BB&O v Hertfordshire (League) (Away)	Brocket Hall
Tues-Thurs	10-12	Tillman Trophy	Moor Park
Tues-Thurs	10-12	European Men's Team Championship	Iceland
Tues-Thurs	10-12	European Boys' Team Championship	Sweden
Wednesday	11	English Schools' Team Championship	Woodhall Spa
Saturday	14	EGU/SE Group County Qualifying	Crowborough Beacon
Saturday	14	BB&O U12s/U13s v Hertfordshire v Bedfordshire (Away)	Welwyn Garden City
Tuesday	17	EGU/SE Group Junior Championship	John O'Gaunt
Tues-Thurs	17-19	English Boys U16s Championship – McGregor Trophy	Trevose
Thurs-Sun	19-22	Open Championship	Royal Lytham & St Anne's
Monday	23	Burnham Beeches Junior Open (JOOM)	Burnham Beeches
Monday	23	BB&O U12s Championship	Beaconsfield
Monday	23	BB&O Seniors v Middlesex (League) (Away)	Fulwell
Tuesday	24	BB&O Futures Tour	Donnington Grove
Tues-Thurs	24-26	South of England Open Championship	Walton Heath
Tues-Fri	24-27	English Boys U18s Championship – Carris Trophy	Royal Cinque Ports
Wednesday	25	Burford Junior Open (JOOM)	Burford
Thurs-Sat	26-28	European Young Masters	Hungary
Saturday	28	BB&O Penfold Trophy (Pre-qualifying for BB&O Amateur)	Burford
Monday	30	Stoke Park Junior Open (JOOM)	Stoke Park
Monday	30	BB&O Boys U16s v Hertfordshire v Middlesex (League) (Home)	Richings Park
Monday	30	BB&O Seniors v Hertfordshire (League) (Home)	The Berkshire
Mon-Sat	30-4	English Amateur Championship	Silloth-on-Solway & Seascale
Tuesday	31	BB&O 14s and Under Championship	Castle Royle

August

Thursday	2	Douglas Johns Trophy (U15s)	Harewood Downs
Friday	3	Gerrards Cross U21 Open (JOOM)	Gerrards Cross
Saturday	4	Raymond Oppenheimer Bowl (OM)	Temple
Sunday	5	BB&O Futures Tour	The Berkshire (Blue)
Monday	6	BB&O Junior Championship (JOOM)	Buckinghamshire

Tues-Thurs	7-9	English Boys U14s Championship (Reid Trophy)	Blackwell
Tues-Fri	7-10	Boys Home Internationals	TBA
Wednesday	8	Tadmarton Heath Junior Open (JOOM)	Tadmarton Heath
Wed-Fri	8-10	British Seniors Championships	Machynys Peninsula
Wed-Sat	8-11	European Amateur Championship	Ireland
Fri/Sat	10/11	BB&O Amateur Championship (OM)	East Berkshire
Sunday	12	BB&O U13s v Bedfordshire (Home)	Denham
Monday	13	BB&O Boys U14s v Hertfordshire v Bedfordshire (League) (Away)	Tilsworth
Monday	13	Studley Wood Junior Open (JOOM)	Studley Wood
Tuesday	14	Southern Counties Seniors Foursomes - Preliminary	Hockley
Tues-Sun	14-18	British Boys Championship	Notts & Coxmoor
Wed-Fri	15-17	Home Internationals	Glasgow Gailes
Fri/Sat	17/18	Stoke Poges Trophy (OM)	Stoke Park
Sat/Sun	18/19	EGU Gold Medal	Woodhall Spa
Sunday	19	BB&O Boys U14s v Wiltshire v Hampshire (Home)	Wellington College
Monday	20	East Berkshire Junior Stag (JOOM)	East Berkshire
Monday	20	BB&O Boys U16s v Hertfordshire v Bedfordshire (League) (Away)	Welwyn Garden City
Tuesday	21	BB&O Futures Tour	Goring & Streatley
Tues/Wed	21/22	South of England Boys Championship	Yeovil & Sherborne
Wednesday	22	Frilford Heath Junior Gold Medal (JOOM)	Frilford Heath
Wed/Thurs	22/23	EGU/SE Group Junior Foursomes	Sandford Springs
Thursday	23	BB&O Boys U14s v Hertfordshire v Middlesex (League) (Away)	Ashford Manor
Sat/Sun	25/26	English Junior Champion Club	Woodhall Spa
Tuesday	28	BB&O Boys U16s v Surrey (Friendly) (Home)	Huntercombe
Tues/Thurs	28/30	English Boys' County Finals	Cotswold Hills
Wednesday	29	Beaconsfield Junior Open (JOOM)	Beaconsfield
Thursday	30	BB&O Boys U16s v Middlesex v Bedfordshire (League) (Away)	Pavenham Park
Thursday	30	BB&O Futures Tour	Frilford Heath - Red
Fri/Sat	31/1	Jacques Leglise Trophy/St Andrews Trophy	Portmarnock

September

Wed-Sat	5-8	European Seniors Team Championship	Estoril
Sunday	9	BB&O v Essex (League) (Away)	Romford
Saturday	15	English Champion Club	Stoneham
Tues-Thurs	18-20	Seniors Home Internationals	Southerndown
Friday	21	BB&O Autumn Trophy (OM)	Harleyford
Sat/Sun	22/23	County, Junior & Seniors County Champions Tournament	Woodhall Spa
Tues/Wed	25/26	EGU/SE Group Seniors Championship (Alan Hobson Trophy)	Felixstowe Ferry
Fri-Sun	28-30	English County Finals	Beau Desert

October

Thursday	4	EGU/SE Seniors Final	Denham
Saturday	6	BB&O Boys U18s v Wellington College	East Berkshire
Sunday	7	EGU/SE Group League - Final	Ashford Manor
Sunday	7	England Boys (U16s) v Scotland Boys (U16s)	Pannal
Tues-Thurs	9-11	English Seniors County Finals	Heworth
Saturday	13	Hillman Trophy Final	TBA
Sunday	14	England Boys (U16s) v Ireland Boys (U16s)	Bolton Old links
Sunday	14	EGU/SE Group Colts League Final	Royal Blackheath
Sunday	14	BB&O Boys U14s v Surrey (Away)	TBA
Thursday	18	BB&O Half-Year Council Meeting	TBA
Saturday	20	Hillman Trophy Plate Final	TBA
Sunday	21	BB&O Boys U14s v U16s v BB&O Girls	Gerrards Cross
Monday	22	Southern Counties Seniors Foursomes – Final	Sherborne
Wednesday	31	BB&O Futures Tour	The Oxfordshire

BB & O County Matches

Our 4th and final League game of the year took us to Stanmore on 10th September to play Middlesex. Needing to win by a minimum 9-3 to win the League, we nearly got off to the perfect start and looked sure to take the morning foursomes 4-0. Sadly we lost the 3rd game having been well ahead all morning and went into lunch 3-1 up. To win 6 out of 8 singles was always going to be a big task and whilst it looked as if it might be possible at one stage, the end result was a share of the afternoon points. Although we won the match 7-5, it was not enough for us to overhaul Hertfordshire (we beat them earlier in the season). They finished with the same points but with a better 'goal difference' and therefore take the honours this year. Luke Williams earned his Colours, having played in 5 League matches.

The team at Stanmore: Sandy Bolton (Frilford Heath), Craig Hinton (The Oxfordshire), Andrew Lynch (Stoke Park), Dean Newbold (Frilford Heath), Ben Paterson (Frilford Heath), Paul Raines (Winter Hill), Ashley Walton (Frilford Heath), Luke Williams (Donnington Grove).



The Team at Stanmore



Luke Williams receives his Colours from Malcolm Reid

BB & O Juniors Matches

Under 18s

The Under 18s played their last match of the year against Wellington College at East Berkshire on 8th October. As always, the College fielded a very strong team including 2 English Girl Internationals off plus 3 handicaps. There were some creditable performances but we still lost out 3½-4½. However, the Team Management were very pleased with the team's efforts and think we have a really strong squad for the 2012 season.

Team at East Berkshire: Ben Beach (Burnham Beeches), George Bell (Harewood Downs), Tom Butterworth (Harewood Downs), Jake Dines (Hinksey Heights), David Langley (Castle Royle), Tommy Lee (East Berkshire), Harry Wetton (Woburn), Jordan Williams (Hadden Hill).

Under 16s

The Under 16s put on an impressive performance at West Hill on 30th August with a comprehensive win over Surrey in the Annual MUGS match. We took the foursomes 4-1 but the singles were a much tighter affair and finished tied at 5-5 to give us an overall victory 9-6. Started in 1994 these matches have featured the likes of Luke Donald and Paul Casey, just to name a couple of top Professionals who have enjoyed these matches kindly sponsored by the Mortimer Ubiquitous Golfing Society. The series now stands at 9 all.

Team at West Hill: Patrick Bart (Burnham Beeches), Sam Brass (Castle Royle), Tom Butterworth (Harewood Downs), Alistair Cameron (Beaconsfield), Matteo di Carlofelice (Mentmore), Adam Dewji (Woburn), Jack Landauer (Blue Mountain), Chris Little (Frilford Heath), Max Nicholls (Newbury Racecourse), Tim Shin (Castle Royle).



The Team at West Hill

Under 14s

The Under 14s also played their last Friendly of the season against Surrey at Wellington College on 16th October. The format this year was 18 holes foursomes 12 a side. Again, a very close match ending in a honourable draw.

The team at Wellington College: Dylan Brownlie (Castle Royle), Zac Cooper (Harleyford), Michael East (Burnham Beeches), David Evans (Woburn), Jack Fairhall, (Henley), George Gardner (East Berkshire), Damien Hewitt (Castle Royle), Scott Proctor (East Berkshire), ,Marcus Pugh (Hazlemere), Robin Sullivan (Castle Royle), Ben Swales (Harleyford), Elliot Wills (Beaconsfield).

BB & O Championship & Trophy Meetings

Autumn Trophy

The Autumn Trophy was played at Flackwell Heath on 23rd September. After the morning round Paul Heselden (Harewood Downs) was leading after a 1 under par 70 just ahead of 4 players on 71 and 5 others who had shot 72. It was obviously going to be a close run thing in the afternoon. Jack Haines (Gerrards Cross) then produced a round of 69 to go with his level par 71 in the morning giving him a 2 under par total, which was just good enough to edge out Sandy Bolton (Frilford Heath) and Daniel Caton (Burnham Beeches). Sandy's second place finish enabled him to win the Order of Merit Trophy. We had a record field for this event and everyone thought the course was in excellent condition, especially the greens and we were blessed with almost perfect weather for the day. A good end to a busy season.

Scratch			AM	PM	Total
1 st & Trophy Winner	Jack Haines	(Gerrards Cross)	71	69	= 140
2 nd	Sandy Bolton	(Frilford Heath)	72	70	= 142
3 rd	Daniel Caton	(Burnham Beeches)	71	71	= 142
Handicap			AM	PM	
			NET	NET	
1 st	Louie Moore	(Flackwell Heath)	68	71	= 139
2 nd	Kye Machin	(Reading)	74	66	= 140
Best Scratch			AM	PM	
	Paul Heselden	(Harewood Downs)	70		
	Josh Stanners	(Hazlemere)		70	



Jack Haines (Gerrards Cross) receives the Autumn Trophy from Max Kaye - President

Hillman Trophy

The Final was played on 16th October on the Blue Course at Frilford Heath on a lovely Autumnal day. In a very closely fought match, the result was 3½ points each after all the games had finished. Game 4 then went into extra holes and Mill Ride won the 1st to take the Trophy for the first time having been Runners Up in 1993.



Mill Ride: Steve Collins, Alastair Jardine, Brian McKenzie, Aidan Troy, Bleddyn Williams, Danny Wilson, Bobby Wynne.



Studley Wood: Lee Ballinger, Pat Calvert, John Deller, Barry Derby, David Dust, Keith Edwards, John Talbot.

Hillman Trophy Plate

The Final was played at Goring & Streatley on 23rd October with Reading getting the better of West Berkshire 5-2. All the matches throughout the season in the Hillman Trophy were, as ever, played in great spirit with just one or two minor differences of opinion which we hope have been resolved by clarifying a few Rules for 2012



Reading: Jamie Goslyn, Paddy Goslyn, Chris Hamblin, Terry Hearmon, Arthur Manser, Duncan Montador, Gordon Young. Non Playing Captain - Cliff Hayden.



West Berkshire: Tony Coventry, Charles Dixon, Grant Forbes, Andrew MacKenzie, Terry Richards Malcolm Thwaites, Kevin Wilkins.

Order of Merit

After a long season Sandy Bolton (Frilford Heath) just got the better of 4 time winner Ashley Walton to win the Order of Merit Trophy. His joint second place in the Autumn Trophy at Flackwell Heath was good enough secure the title having been runner up to Ashley for the last 2 seasons. He needed a near record score to achieve his goal and we look forward to another great battle next year.



Sandy Bolton (Frilford Heath)

Junior Order of Merit

Chris Aubrey (Caversham Heath) had a terrific run in the first 3 weeks of the JOOM season and won by 18¼ points from Junior Champion, David Langley (Castle Royle) with Matt Milligan (Sand Martins) in 3rd place.



Chris Aubrey (Caversham Heath)

English Golf Union – South Eastern Group Events

Southern Counties Seniors Foursomes

We played our preliminary rounds of this event at Hankley Common GC on 12th August. One of 4 preliminary events in the South we play Sussex, Hampshire and Surrey for a place in the Final. Having won last year we were in a positive mood but faced Hampshire in the morning semi. After losing the first 2 games we were always on the back foot and despite some good efforts in the last 3 games we went down 2-3 and were consigned to the 3rd/4th play-off match in the afternoon against Sussex which we won comfortably 3½-1½.

Team at Hankley Common: Ashley Brewer (Denham), Rod Crisp (Ellesborough), Duncan Forbes (Sonning), Robert Gill (Gerrards Cross), Cliff Pearce (Ellesborough), Gilbert Runnicles (Gerrards Cross), Phil Sewell (Castle Royle), John Summers (Frilford Heath), Jim Wilson (Frilford Heath).

South Eastern Group Seniors Championship (Alan Hobson Trophy)

Phil Sewell (Castle Royle) won the Alan Hobson Trophy at Sheringham on 21st & 22nd September by just one shot from Ty Carter (Stevenage). Defending Champion David Lane (Goring & Streatley) finished 5th with Adrian Donkersley (Gerrards Cross) also claiming a top 10 position.



Phil Sewell (Castle Royle)

BB & O County Union Half Year Council Meeting

A turnout of over 60 attended the Half Year Council Meeting on 19th October. John Petrie, CEO of The English Golf Union gave a presentation on the proposed merger between EGU and EWGA. He answered a few questions at the end and it was evident from a show of hands that all the Clubs that were represented were in favour of the County Union Executive Committee voting in favour at the Voting Members Meeting in November. The County Secretary/Treasurer then informed the meeting that those Clubs who were not present today, and had responded to his request, had also indicated by a large majority to vote for the merger proposal. Then the President, Max Kaye highlighted the achievements of the year. After the meeting the delegates enjoyed the hospitality of East Berkshire

Golf Club with Peter Smith & Derek Andrews from Donnington Valley winning first prize in the Greensomes event.



Peter Smith & Derek Andrews

AND FINALLY

I am very sad to report that Tim Clutterbuck passed away on September 26th after a long illness. Tim was President from 2003/2004. He was a member of Stoke Poges GC, as it was then, when he first came to BB&O and latterly at Beaconsfield GC. He was a great supporter of the County Union, even after his term of office, and was often present at matches and Championships where his views on Handicapping and Course Assessment made him one of my favourite Grumpy Old Men. We will miss him.

