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Comment

Many congratulations to teams and individuals from all Sections for a stunning set of results this past month, that are reflected below in the results tables and/or write-ups; AVGC is most definitely on the map! Now for the Club Championship!

We have just realised that a major event in the life of *The Vale* passed without comment last month – our 50th issue. This might be because it was published from Přerov in the Czech Republic and the Editor had other things on his mind! Don't forget that this is *your* Club's monthly newsletter and input from Club members would be very welcome...reports about other courses, suggestions, observations (even the occasional grumble) are examples of what might be included.

President's Day

Saturday 11 August No green fee for 5-day members!

Everyone is welcome – Men, Ladies, Seniors & Juniors. Entry fee £3, with food & prizes courtesy of the Club management.

Teams of 4 will be drawn, with 1 x Lady, 1 x Senior and 1 x high and low handicap Man.

Sign-up sheet is on the bar noticeboard.

Club Championship Weekend 25/26 August

Entry fee £10 Entry sheet on Men's noticeboard in locker room. (Entrants must have played 5 qualifiers since last year's Championship)

News and Updates from the Club Management

Course

This has now been the driest and hottest summer that AVGC has seen since opening. Our water resources are limited and are saved for the greens, so the tees will have to wait until nature waters them. We continue to spray the greens with wetting agent to maximise the water held in the root zone. We are also feeding the greens – the danger of a long, hot spell is that a stressed green will succumb to disease more easily when the wetter weather returns. Keeping them fed with nutrients now can assist them to fight off diseases. It is likely that courses up and down the UK will suffer with diseased greens this winter, following this summer.

The dry spell does reduce the amount of cutting with the collars and approaches down to one cut per week, which does free up some more time for other work. We have started to spread granite dust on paths on the 1^{st} , 8^{th} and 10^{th} and this will be ongoing until all pathways have a new top coating. The conifers marking 150yds have been trimmed and wood chips added. We are now picking selected areas and trimming back hedges, alongside trimming up some established conifers. We have also added some new white, yellow and red stakes to these areas once they have been tidied. We believe the dry weather will return next week in which case we will be rubbing down and re-painting bridges. There will be some new course signage – this includes a plea to keep excitable chitter chatter on the 1^{st} tee in check until golfers have putted out on the 9^{th} green.

The dry conditions have led many courses to ban smoking on the course altogether. We have added half a bucket of sand to the yellow tees (moved to the whites for a Men's large competition) of the four par 3s. This gives smokers a chance to smoke where a wait is most likely, but to fully extinguish it afterwards in the sand. Please do not throw a lit cigarette to the ground whilst playing a shot in these current conditions.

An advance thought for September. We normally hollow core and top dress the greens in early September (3rd to 5th) and bring in the machinery and materials for that date. This year, because of the extreme conditions, Luke will assess how much rainfall we get in the preceding two weeks and decide whether it is still sensible to go ahead on that date. It is not advisable to hollow core a green if conditions are too dry. We will post notices on the Club noticeboard and on the BRS tee booking system and on the Course Conditions section of the website to advise you if it is going ahead or not.

President's Day

President's Day is on Saturday 11 August and all members (7-day or 5-day) are welcome to play. This is a social format where Dave will strive to have one low handicapper, one high handicapper, one lady and one senior/junior in each group. There is only the standard entry fee of £3 to pay and then the catering and prizes are not charged for, so do sign up and enjoy the day.

Chris Wright

Rules of Golf

<u>The Putting Green - Standing Astride or on Line of Putt (Rule 16-1e)</u>. A player must not make a stroke on the putting green from a stance astride, or with either foot touching, the line of putt or an extension of that line behind the ball.

Exception: there is no penalty if the stance is inadvertently taken on or astride the line of putt (or an extension of that line behind the ball) or is taken to avoid standing on another player's line of putt or prospective line of putt.

(Penalty for breach of Rule: Match play – loss of hole; Stroke play – two strokes.)

Tip of the Month from your Head PGA Professional, Russell Phillips

Is your short game letting you down? Could it be that you don't have the right wedges for the job with the right bounce?

Wedges with low bounce are required for those tight lies, short grass and hard ground, while high bounce wedges are required for soft ground and bunkers. Many sets come with high bounce souls making them hard to use around the green.

Make sure you used the right wedge for the right shot! If you would like help in this area contact Russell on 07843 692948.

Adult Lessons from Russell Phillips

Increase Your Distance...Swing Speed Programme

Get that swing speed up with my new programme using my swing stick and launch monitor. At the start we will monitor your clubhead speed and ball speed. During the session I will be looking to increase both with this easy method. If you don't improve you'll get your money back!

6 x weekly 30-minute sessions: £120 for members and £150 for non-members. Book your first lesson before 31 August and get this pack for £90 members and £120 non-members.

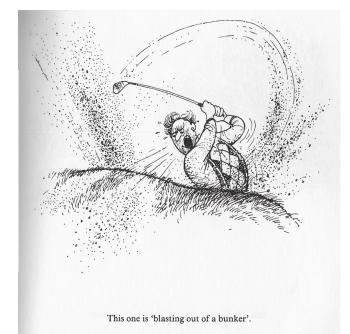
Game MOT

Get an MOT once a month to make sure the game stays in check this summer. I am offering 6 x 30 minute lessons for **£90 to members and £120 to non members**

and area to non members

To book, contact Russell on 07843 692948





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Midweek Club Championship

Many congratulations to Lee Sarmple, gross winner of the Championship and completing the course in 73 and Dave Simons, nett Champion with a nett round of 68.

Seniors' Club Championship

At the Seniors' Club Championship held on 14 July, gross Champion was John Barker (79) and nett Champion with 67 (gross 93) was Mike Bender. Congratulations to them both.

Men

A Word from the Men's Captain...

AVGC is certainly bringing it home! Congratulations to our Men's and Ladies' Scratch teams. Firstly, the Men's team with an away win at Beds & County securing a 100% winning record and promotion to the 1st Division next year - the only unbeaten team in all divisions.

To follow, my congratulations to the Ladies Scratch, who extended their winning run with a superb away win at John O'Gaunt.

As for individual honours I would like to congratulate Abi Pearce on winning the under 16 Girls' Nett County Championship.

Well, the extended dry weather has certainly changed the playing conditions, with most members certainly enjoying the additional distance being gained. Who would have thought a few months ago we would welcome some rain though?

The past month saw our second year of the Pairs Club Championship take place. The Men's first day leaders were one of our Senior pairings, Martin Shefford and Peter Lawson. However, the 36-hole competition was eventually won by Will Platten and Nick Brewer. Congratulations to them. Numbers were down on last year but it still proved to be a great weekend for all who took part. Hopefully the word will spread what a great fun weekend competition this and we will see numbers increase next year.

As for individual honours, our congratulations go to Lee Sarmple and David Simons (yes, the Seniors' Captain, that one) respective winners of the Gross and Nett Mid-Week Club Championship. Lee had to complete a 5-hole playoff before finally being able to lift the Trophy.

I finish this month's article with a 'Well done' to all who took part in the Seniors' Captain's Charity Day. Compliments to David and all who took part and supported his enjoyable day, raising funds for his chosen charity, Cystic Fibrosis.

Wishing you all the best for keeping it on the short stuff.

John Barker

The beginning of the month saw the conclusion of the Men's and Ladies' Pairs Club Championship, which was held over 36 holes using four different nine-hole formats. The late pairing of Dave Needs and Mark Mansfield almost caused a big upset, losing by the narrowest of margins to eventual winners Nick Brewer and Will Platten.

The July Midweek Medal was won by long serving member Brian Hoar with a fine nett 68. Steve Willett and Dave Randall took the minor places, both players shooting nett 70s.

The Midweek Club Championship saw an unexpected yet worthy winner of the gross title, when Lee Sarmple shot a gross 75 off his 12 handicap to force a playoff against Will Shackleton. Lee held his nerve to deservedly win on the fifth extra hole. Alex Robins took third place with a fine 77. Dave

Simons, this years Seniors' Captain, was the winner of the nett trophy with an excellent nett 66, four shots clear of Neil Meldrum and Keith Loxton.

The July Monthly Medal saw Nick Brewer continue his good form in Division 1, winning with a nett 68. Graham Lowe and Graham Magill took the next two places. In Division 2 Michael Caro was the winner with a nett 71, a shot clear of second placed Peter Howarth. Young Freddie Perkin finished third a further shot back. The in-form Keith Loxton took the honours in Division 3 with a nett 66, a shot clear of second placed Peters was third a further shot back. Dean Ridley was third a further shot back.

The July Midweek Stableford needed countback to decide the winner, with Bob Paine edging out both Austin Brandt and Tony Messenger who took the minor places.

The Professional's Cup also needed countback to give Mark Botha victory over Matthew Lea, both players finishing five up in the bogey format competition. Richard Hemington took third spot.

Medal 7 July	Div 1 1 st : Nicholas Brewer nett 68 2 nd : Graham Lowe nett 72 3 rd : Graham Magill nett 74	Div 2 1 st : Michael Caro nett 71 2 nd : Peter Howarth nett 72 3 rd : Freddie Perkin nett 73	Div 3 1 st : Keith Loxton nett 66 2 nd : David Peaks nett 67 3 rd : Dean Ridley nett 68
Midweek Stableford	1 st : Bob Paine 39 Pts 2 nd : Austin Brandt 39 Pts 3 rd : Tony Messenger 39 Pts		
Professional's Cup 22 July	1 st : Mark Botha 5 2 nd : Matthew Lea 5 3 rd : Richard Hemington 4		
Mid-handicap home match vs Pavenham 28 July	Halved		

Competition and Match Results (Men)

Seniors

A Word from the Seniors' Captain...

We moaned about the cold wet early Spring, now it is too hot. I find it ironic that warnings are being issued to stay out of the sun whereas families spend a lot of money going abroad every year for the guarantee of similar temperatures that we are getting at home now! I have done my best to end the drought with the usual activities normally certain to ensure rainfall, i.e. washing the car and even cleaning my golf trolley, but all to no avail.

That said the hard, dry conditions mean that we are getting full value for any long shot hit half decently whilst the greens are holding up very well in the circumstances. This has led to some very high Stableford scores being recorded in roll-ups, totals that should only be whispered in the bar area lest Handicap Secretary Neil Garrett is somewhere in the building.

Results:

It was the usual mixed bag in the Summer Friendlies. We won $4\frac{1}{2}$: $1\frac{1}{2}$ at home to Kirtlington and 4:2 away at Aylesbury Park, but suffered a heavy defeat (1:5) at Chartridge Park and a narrow $2\frac{1}{2}$: $3\frac{1}{2}$ loss away at Mount Pleasant. Lastly, the result at home to Beadlow Manor was a welcome $4\frac{1}{2}$: $1\frac{1}{2}$ win.

It has proved an ongoing struggle to get Seniors to play in Summer Friendlies and this is something that your Committee will need to review for the future.

Competitions:

There were wins for Mike Bishop in the rearranged April Medal and Neil Brinklow in the July one. Bob Bacon 'rolled back the years' with success in the July Summer 6. Brian Hogarth won the Drawn Pairs Greensomes Stableford in tandem with Martin Shefferd.



It was good to see Seniors figuring in some of the other Club competitions normally the province of the Men. Keith Loxton won Division 3 of the July Men's Medal and I won the nett competition in the Midweek Club Championship, with Mike Bender the nett winner in the Seniors' Club Championship. Men's Captain John Barker eventually came through a marathon play-off to win the gross competition. Finally, the Committee won back the trophy in the annual match versus The Rest', who were captained by Richard Braithwaite.

Seniors' Captain's Day. A huge thank you to all those who supported my day in some shape or form. I was particularly touched by those who helped out, made donations or sponsored holes even if they were not actually able to play on the day. The nett proceeds for the day are still to be finalised but I am confident that my charity, the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, will benefit by over £1,000, which is an excellent effort for a one-off charity event. There were a host of winners on the day too numerous to list here. The principal ones though were John Lloyd (pictured) who won the Gentlemens' Over 55 category and Jane Barker who won the Best Lady prize. The best team was Anne Bridges, Peter Arthur, Arthur Swain and Larry Goddard.



Finally, a gentle reminder that the sign-up list for the President's Day competition on Saturday 11 August is up in the bar area. There is no green fee payable for 5-day members.

Dave Símons

Seniors' Winter League by Peter Nightingale

It's not with great excitement that I look forward to the winter months, particularly as we have been enjoying a magnificent summer. However, the Winter League season is not too far away and I shall be looking for players soon.

We ended last season with a magnificent win against Chartridge Park, the result 6:0, but sadly still finished bottom of the table. Hopefully we can follow the success of other teams at AVGC this season and start the season off with a resounding win.

The matches for 2018-2019 are as follows:

Tuesday 18 September: home match against Oakland Park Monday 8 October: home match against Little Hay Monday 22 October: home match against Weston Turville Thursday 1 November: away match at Weston Turville Wednesday 7 November: away match at Chartridge Park Wednesday 16 January 2019: away match at Oakland Park Tuesday 19 February 2019: away match at Little Hay Tuesday 5 March 2019: home match against Chartridge Park.

The Awards Day at Chartridge Park, for presentation and a round of golf, is on Monday 15 April, 2019.

A request sheet for players will go up around four weeks before each match and the team sheet will be on the notice board around one week before match. The format of the matches is as follows:

Breakfast 08:30 and first tee-off no later than 09:30.

The format of play: each match will be:

Match Play, six pairs on each side, four-ball better ball with a 90% handicap allowance against the player with the lowest handicap in the four ball. The maximum individual handicap allowed is 28 and all matches are played off the white tees.

Competition and Match Results (Seniors)

Medal (4) 2 July	1 st : Neill Brinklow nett 66 2 nd : Hugh Frood nett 68 3 rd : Brian Hogarth nett 69	
Drawn Pairs Greensome 4 July	1 st : Brian Hogarth/Martin Shefferd 42 Pts 2 nd : Bob French/Keith Minor 39 Pts 3 rd : Ron Atkinson/John Lloyd 38 Pts	
Away match vs Aylesbury Park 5 July	Won 4:2	
Away match vs Chartridge Park 11 July	Lost 1:5	
Committee vs The Rest 18 July	Committee 5 ¹ / ₂ :The Rest 2 ¹ / ₂	
Summer Six (4) 23 July	1 st : Bob Bacon 40 Pts 2 nd : Dave Dean 39 Pts 3 rd : Clive Gear 39 Pts	
Away match vs Mount Pleasant 24 July	Lost 2 ¹ / ₂ :3 ¹ / ₂	
Home match vs Beadlow Manor 26 July	Won 4 ¹ / ₂ :1 ¹ / ₂	

Ladies

A Word from the Lady Captain...

The Scratch team has been in action again, away at South Bedfordshire and John O'Gaunt. Very well done ladies for winning both matches.

The Pairs Club Championship took place at the beginning of July. From the Ladies' perspective the runners up were Jean Barnett and Ghie McGinley and the winners Jane Codrai and Danka Lawson. It was once again a fun weekend blessed by this gorgeous weather.

The Midweek Ladies played our Drawn Greensomes competition, which was won by Anne Bridges and Penny Davies with a score of 43. Well done to them on a particularly good front nine. Myself and Andy Dean had the pleasure of watching them play.

A special mention goes this month to Ghie McGinley who played in our July weekend Medal and had a magnificent round, scoring 74 gross which equals the Ladies' course record. Well done to Ghie – a fantastic achievement.

Our Seniors' Captain, Dave Simons, put on a wonderful Seniors' Captain's Day, which raised a lovely sum for Cystic Fibrosis. Well done to Dave and all his helpers for a great day. The sun shone, we all enjoyed a BBQ and a fun round of golf aided by our pre-purchased mulligans.

Six players battled against the blazing sun and soaring temperatures to win the Seniors' Shield. The runner up was Sheelagh Culverhouse and the winner Jean Barnett, who was very pleased to have played to below her handicap and get cut. Well done Jean.

Abi Pearce took part in the Girls County Championship and for the first time shot under 100, scoring 94 making a nett 65 to win the girls under 16 nett. A fantastic performance...very well done to her.

Jane Barker

Seniors' Shield 4 July	1 st : Jan Chambers nett 70 2 nd : Hilary Hasler nett 70 3 rd : Kath Scott nett 71	
Away Scratch match vs South Beds 8 July	Won 2 ¹ / ₂ : ¹ / ₂	
Hellen Rowley Plate 7 July	1 st : Kath Scott 35 Pts 2nd: Sheelagh Culverhouse 34 Pts 3 rd : Ros Barnes 33 Pts	
Weekend Stableford	1 st : Julie Hoar 36 Pts 2 nd : Vanessa Bond 30 Pts Jane Barker 27 Pts	
Weekend Medal 15 July	1 st : Gegie McGinley nett 67 2 nd : Abi Pearce nett 71 3 rd : Lesley Wright nett 73	
3 clubs + putter 18 July	1 st : Danka Lawson 46 Pts 2 nd : Jane Barker 42 Pts 3 rd : Jane Codrai 37 Pts	
Seniors' Cup 21 July	1 st : Jean Barnett nett 71 2 nd : Sheelagh Culverhouse nett 72 3 rd : Julie Lea nett 73	
Away Scratch match vs John O'Gaunt 21 July	Won 2:1	
30+ handicap competition 23 July	1 st : Christina Mungovan 37 Pts 2 nd : Jane Whigham 36 Pts 3 rd : Glynis Flack 34 Pts	
Stableford 25 July	1 st : Jean Attenborough 39 Pts 2 nd : Vivien Craker 37 Pts 3 rd : Andy Dean 37 Pts	
Professional's Cup 28 July	1 st : Anne Bridges 33 Pts 2 nd : Sheila Perkins 32 Pts 3 rd : Sue Bellingham 32 Pts	
Medal 30 July	1 st : Jane Codrai nett 75 2 nd : Hilary Hasler nett 75 3 rd : Vivien Craker nett 76	

Competition and Match Results (Ladies)

Juniors

County Championship Success!



Abi Pearce took part in the Girls' County Championship and for the first time shot under 100, scoring 94 (nett 65) and thus becoming the Under 16 Girls' Nett Champion; she also came second in the overall nett result for the County. It was a fantastic performance...very well done to her and we wish Abi many more wins in future events.

We Need Your Help!

Russell Phillips and Kim Burnage are looking to put together a Junior support team of adults who would be able to give up one day every couple of months to help support the Juniors. Russell will organise a set of games and activities that the Juniors can get on with for a couple of hours, while adults will simply keep them safe and organised. You will not be expected to teach them - simply run the activity given.

If you can help, then please send Kim an email at: kim.burnage@gmail.com. The sessions we are looking to run will be every Friday from 5pm-7pm until the clocks go back in October. The number of Juniors is yet to be confirmed, but we hope to have 6-10 and all will be full members of the Club. We hope to get enough adult helpers that each adult will only need to help once every 8 weeks (obviously if you are happy to help more, GREAT!).

We will be paying for all adults' DBS (CRB) checks if you wish to volunteer.

Summer Holiday Sessions

Remember: Junior Red Tee members get 20% off prices and Junior Blue Tee members get 10% off prices.

New –Junior Development Days (ages 12-18)

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Here are the dates this summer

Friday 3 August, Friday 17 August and Friday 31 August

- 11:00 Arrival + Check In
- 11:15 Coaching and practice on Driving Range, Chipping area and Putting.
- 13:45 LUNCH (Nuggets, Chips and Beans)
- **14:30** 9-hole game: Different games to be played through 9 holes on the golf course
- **16:45** Results, Presentation and Prizes
- **17:00** FINISH

ALL THIS FOR £30 per child per date

Take part in as many or as few days as you like! You must book your child's place in order to take part. Price includes, green fees, equipment, range balls, coaching, competition, lunch and prizes. Ages 12-18 all abilities. Maximum number 16 people.

TO SIGN UP CONTACT HEAD PGA PROFESSIONAL RUSSELL PHILLIPS ON 07843 692948 or r.phillips@avgc.co.uk

Junior Open Days (ages 6-12)

JUNIOR OPEN DAYS

Here are the dates this summer Friday 27 July, Friday 10 August and Friday 24 August

10:00 Arrival + Check In

- 10:15 Coaching with competitions on the Driving Range, Chipping area and Putting.
- 12:45 LUNCH (Nuggets, Chips and Beans)
- 13:30 Junior Texas Scramble: First steps onto the golf course playing, 3 holes as a team
- 15:15 Results, Presentation and Prizes
- 15:30 FINISH

ALL THIS FOR £30 per child per date

Take part in as many or as few days as you like! You must book your child's place in order to take part.

Price includes, green fees, equipment, range balls, coaching, competition, lunch and prizes. Ages 6-12 all abilities. Maximum number 16 people.

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Pro Shop

Shop Offers for August

This month the 'sale item' is golf shirts. Our golf shirts are from Island Green; they are light, breathable and will dry on the line or a hanger without the need for ironing. All shirts were £20 but for the month of August:

Club logo shirts - £17.50 (less member's 10% = £15.75) Non logo shirts - £15 (less member's 10% = £13.50)

We have new stock in of white shirts with the full colour logo that are worn for matches and currently have medium, large, XL and XXL in stock. We also have some more shorts and you can buy a shirt with a pair of shorts for £30 (£27 with member's discount).

The Ball of the Month is a dozen Srixon Soft Feel or a dozen Srixon AD333 offered at £18 (£16.20 with your member's discount).

All Spikes are 50% off.

New – Ping i500 and i210 Irons

These irons are now available for demonstartion in the Pro Shop. The i500 is Ping's first **forged** iron since the Anser and results are showing a big increase in distance. This iron is aimed at players with a handicap of around 4-18. The i210 is a replacement of the i200, making this iron an overall improvement from the i200. This iron is aimed at players with a handicap 0-12.

Remember: all Ping clubs are custom built to fit your swing here at Aylesbury Vale Golf Club, with Russell. We have all clubs available for demonstration use and they are definitely worth a go.

New – Golphin Junior Clubs

We are very excited to be soon stocking the new Golphin golf clubs at AVGC. Children can be fitted to match their height and level of ability.



and in Conclusion...

...the last word is... Golf is a lot of walking, broken up by disappointment and bad arithmetic.

...and a touch of humour... Golfer: "*Well, caddie, how do you like my game?*" Caddie: "*It's terrific. Mind you, I still prefer golf.*"

Lance Redler Editor

cc: Club Professionals, charities

What's on This Month and Next? (All-Section and Club events are in **bold**)

Men:

Saturday 4 August - CBL away match vs Waterstock 1000 Sunday 5 August - Medal 0645-1030 Saturday 11 August – President's Day 0600-1230 Sunday 12 August - CBL away match vs Wycombe Heights 1000 Monday 13 to Friday 17 August - Midweek Medal Saturday 18 August - CBL away match vs Aylesbury Park 1000 Saturday 18 August - Marston's Trophy 0745-0900 Sunday 19 August - Secretary's Cup 0745-1030 Saturday 25 August - Club Championship (Rd 1) 0645-1400 Sunday 26 August - Club Championship (Rd 2) 0715-1000 Sunday 26 August – FTQ Plate (10th Tee) 0830-1000 Monday 27 to Friday 31 August - Midweek Stableford Saturday 1 September – away match vs Magnolia Park 1030 Sunday 2 September – Men vs Ladies 0845-1000 Monday/Tuesday 3/4 September – hollow coring of greens (tbc) Saturday 8 September - Medal 0645-1115 Monday 10 to Friday 14 September – Midweek Medal Friday 14 September – Breast Cancer Awareness 0600-1300 (1st & 10th) Saturday 15 September – home match vs The Three Locks 1000-1100 Sunday 16 September - Medal of Medals 0745-0900 Saturday 22 September - Captains' Charity Day 0600-1300 (1st & 10th) Sunday 23 September - home Scratch match vs The Bedfordshire 1015-1100 Monday 24 to Friday 28 September – Midweek Stableford

Monday 24 to Friday 28 September – Midweek Stableford Saturday 29 September – Four Nations Trophy 0930-1115 Sunday 30 September – Waddington Shield Texas Scramble 0745-1000

Seniors:

Wednesday 1 August - Seniors vs Ladies 0845-1000 Monday 6 August - Medal (5) & Ed Burns Putter 0730-1000 Wednesday 8 August - home match vs Wavendon 0845-1000 Saturday 11 August – President's Day 0600-1230 Monday 13 to Friday 17 August - Midweek Medal Monday 13 August - Summer Six (5) 0730-1000 Tuesday 14 August - away match vs The Three Locks 0900-1000 Wednesday 15 August - competition 0815-1000 Monday 20 August - Memorial Day competition 0800-1000 Wednesday 22 August – 3 clubs+putter competition 0815-1000 Thursday 23 August – away match vs Silverstone Saturday 25 August - Club Championship (Rd 1) 0645-1400 Sunday 26 August – Club Championship (Rd 2) 0715-1000 Monday 27 to Friday 31 August - Midweek Stableford Wednesday 29 August - competition 0815-1000 Monday/Tuesday 3/4 September – hollow coring of greens (tbc) Wednesday 5 September – AwayDay at Northampton County Monday 10 to Friday 14 September – Midweek Medal Monday 10 September - Medal (6) 0730-1000 Wednesday 12 September - home match vs Chartridge Park 0900-1000 Friday 14 September – Breast Cancer Awareness 0600-1300 (1st & 10th) Monday 17 September - Summer Six (6) 0730-1000 Tuesday 18 September – WL home match vs Oakland Park 0915-1030 Wednesday 19 September – drawn triples Texas Scramble 0730-0930 Thursday 20 September - home match vs The Three Locks 0900-1000 Saturday 22 September – Captains' Charity Day 0600-1300 (1st & 10th) Monday 24 to Friday 28 September – Midweek Stableford Monday 24 September - home match vs Leighton Buzzard 0900-1000 Wednesday 26 September - Lawson Shield 0815-1000 Friday 28 September - Four Nations Trophy 0830-1030 Sunday 30 September - Waddington Shield Texas Scramble 0745-1000

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