



# Knowle Golf Club Times

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## Knowle Gold Medal Report

Brad Selwood Wins



Photo of Brad Selwood, courtesy of Tom Ward  
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Gloucestershire 1st team regulars failed to beat par, however George Morgan (Mendip and Somerset) snuck in under the radar with a well constructed 67.

As the players set off for the afternoon, at least a dozens players were still in contention with the exception of Trump who almost immediately went backwards, eventually recovering to shoot 77. Of the others, it looked as if James Rowles (Henbury) was going to run away with it. After a steady, if unspectacular opening round of 70, he raced to the turn in 30 (-5) and added a further birdie at the par four 11th. Perhaps with thoughts of a possible course record or even his victory speech, he stumbled over Knowle's tough finishing holes and slipped back to record a 68 to set the mark of 138.

He did not lead for long in the Clubhouse as Brad Selwood, armed with two putters in the bag (one of them left handed) added a 67 to his opening 69 for a formidable target of 136.

Nick Day played himself out of contention with calamitous back-to-back 6's at holes 13 and 14. He came in with a 141 (71 70) and he was joined by Woodspring Junior Sam Sullivan who having won the County Colts title at Knowle recently, again showed his liking for the course with a 68 to add to his morning 73. When news filtered through that Morgan could only manage a 72 for a total of 139, Selwood's anxious wait was over and he received his first Gold Medal from Knowle Captain Roger Hopkins.

This was the fifth event of this year's prestigious Duchess Salver Order of Merit Race and the current points leader and County Champion, Nick Day (Henbury) headed an entry list made up of most of the best players in Gloucestershire.

For the second year running, conditions were extremely benign and with the greens being both receptive and true, low scoring was again expected.

Knowle junior Jack Trump was the first to make an impression with a two under par round of 68. He was closely followed by other home players - Brad Selwood (69) and Nick Glasspool (70). It looked as if Trump would hold the halfway lead as the

### Results in brief:

1st	Brad Selwood	Knowle	69	67	136
2nd	James Rowles	Henbury	70	69	138
3rd	George Morgan	Mendip	67	72	139
Tied 4th	Sam Sullivan	Woodspring	73	68	141
Tied 4th	Nick Day	Henbury	71	70	141

*Ryan Coles*

## P.S.I. Terminals

The In-House Business Advertising Scheme is about to become operational, and members are invited to participate @ £100 per annum.

All that is required is a PowerPoint Slide of your choice. Contact numbers are displayed in the clubhouse. The club would like to maintain a similar quality for all adverts, so if you are in any doubt or you need any help or advice with your advert please contact Tony Featherstone (01275 837 902).

## Twilight Golfers

Please be aware that a selection of sandwiches are available at the bar after the kitchen closes.

## Dress Code

Although summer is fading fast, just a reminder that some golfers are still not complying with the above, which is displayed throughout the premises, mainly concerning non-tailored shorts, and shirts not worn inside the waistband. Please conform and do not take offence should you be asked to do so. The maxim is that IF the style of clothing that you are wearing is not sold in Golf Professionals Shops, then you SHOULD NOT be wearing it here!

# 1st

## Team

## News

We are reaching the end of our league season, and it is getting interesting.

Since my last article we were beaten for the first time by an extremely strong Cumberwell Park side, Dave Lake and Louis O'Regan being the only victors in a 4-1 defeat.

However, a fantastic 4-1 win away to Chipping Sodbury ensured we remained top of the league.

We then faced Shirehampton at Knowle, a fixture we expected to win. Indeed Adam Jenkinson and Jack Trump won their game in a little over an hour and twenty minutes, dispatching their opponents to the tune of 9 and 8. Brad and Dave Williams unfortunately lost

their unbeaten record in spectacular fashion, losing 7 and 6. Myself and Nick Barwood put a point on the board with a 4 and 3 win, to bring the overall score to 2-2. With Dave Lake and our club Champion Louis were Dormie 3 up, I thought we were home and dry. When we were following this match down the 18th at just one up I was transformed into a nervous wreck, and could barely watch. Thankfully, the lads just about limped over the line handing us our 3-2 win.

Two weeks later we faced Shire again, this time away. Brad and Willy went some way to avenging their defeat in the home fixture by winning 7 and 6. There were also wins for Coles/White, Jenks/Trump and Glasspool/Barwood. This week the captain's nerves were spared as we ran out 4-1 winners.

We only have one more game, the stars of Salford, away, Saturday 28th August, 3pm.

The equation is simple, we win, then we win the league.

To win the championship would be

awesome, but for me, this season has already been a triumph.

We have lost a couple of really good players, but the team spirit has been brilliant, and lads like Louis, Jack, and Jenkinson have really stepped up and delivered to an extremely high level. Tim Rogers and Steve Hawker have also stepped up to first team golf and exceeded all expectations. Brad and Willy, with the help of their boom-sticks have accounted for almost all in their path.

Ryan Coles, Rich White and Nick Barwood have helped tremendously with their combined experience of nine thousand, four hundred and fifty two team matches.

It has also been great to see Lakey back playing some very good golf.

A large Knowle following for our final game would be excellent.

*Nick Glasspool*

## Fit For Golf

### Flexibility

Flexibility, this component of fitness if worked on can help to improve the way you feel and your golf game dramatically!

The benefits from staying flexible can help to make you hit it longer, straighter, stay supple, train harder and play injury free. Does this sound good to you? It should do as all these elements are what good golfers do therefore making flexibility a key factor in playing better golf.

The first step I take with the golfers that I train is to find out where their strengths and weaknesses lie. With flexibility this leads me on to performing flexibility tests and asking some simple questions like the ones below.

Do you think you are flexible?  
If No, What areas are tight?  
Is it restricting your golf swing?  
Or even everyday life?

If you have answered yes to last two questions then answer this one. How often do you stretch? If the answer is never then I would recommend some regular stretching. This doesn't have to take long, just 10 minutes per day will really help to improve any niggles and pains that you may have and will make it much easier to swing the golf club. The great thing about flexibility is that you can improve it whatever your age may be. So give it a go and see if you feel better as a result. You need to hold each stretch for at least 20 seconds.

*David Lake*

## FREE TASTER GOLF LESSONS AT KNOWLE GOLF CLUB, BRISTOL

Have you ever tried your hand at the relaxing game of golf and ended up feeling more frustrated than when you started? Or never played at all?

Well, we can help you!

We are offering a series of free taster sessions with our golf pro. There are five weekly Sunday sessions 12.30 till 1.30pm commencing 22nd August until the 19th September 2010.

No experience necessary and equipment can be supplied. This is open to Men and Ladies, so come along and try out the game. You will be surprised how much fun it can be.

For further details and booking your places contact:

Rob on 01179779193

Visit our Website:

[www.knowlegolfclub.co.uk](http://www.knowlegolfclub.co.uk)

## Thoughts on the Knowle Gold Medal

The official report is elsewhere in the newsletter. This was a really good day for the Club and I must thank all of our volunteers who make sure we give the right impression to our visitors and ensure the event is as well organised as any in the area.

It seems that Brad is finally proving what those of us at Knowle have known for a long time – that he is a quality player. But that is not to say he is orthodox. He carries two putters, one is left handed that he holds right handed. The other is right handed which he holds left handed. Confused? So is he . . .

Special mention to Knowle stalwart Colin Smith, who was a great help by stepping in and playing as a reserve at the last

minute. Stung by criticism of his performance in the Club Championship in a recent edition, he was keen to show an improvement. He returned consistent scores of 85 and 84 for a respectable total of 169. This left Colin in a creditable 62nd place, just 33 shots behind Brad.

Rodney Tugwell has announced that this year was his last Gold Medal. He made his debut in 1966 aged 40 and has played every year since. Rodney has volunteered to look after Nick Durston's immaculately prepared scoreboard from next year. We tried modern technology this year with the leaderboard on the TV screen, but next year the board will be back.

*Ryan Coles*

## New Members Introduction Evening

In August we hope to run a new members evening, the aim is to introduce new members to each other as well as some of our existing members, in an effort to give people a wider group of contacts at the club so that fixing up a game is easier.

The evening would consist of nine holes of golf in three-balls and then a chance to have a chat in the clubhouse over a drink afterwards. We have already had 10 new members show an interest, and if you are interested in attending the evening please let Duncan Wellington know – he can be contacted either by email

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or by phone on

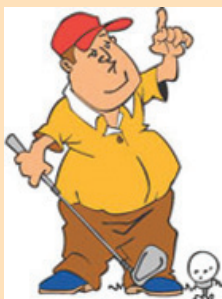
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## Seniors Golf

Here we are well into the 2010 season with team matches going from strength to strength at the moment. Results so far after 22 games are 15 wins five losses and two halves. We have the last six games all at home so I will be looking for your support in these remaining matches. Everybody who plays in them seems to enjoy themselves so why not give it a try.

I've had many complimentary comments about the course so thanks to Mike and all the green staff.

Since the last issue, congratulations to Cliff Andrews on winning the Seniors Cup and also to Richard Boden, Wally Goodhind, and George Fowler on



winning the Drawn Bowmaker.

The Vets Open was played on the 20th August, I didn't play myself as I'm only a lad, but will look forward to playing next year.

### Division 1 Results

1st 38pts Mr G Fitzgerald  
2nd 38pts Geoffrey Perrett  
3rd 37pts D Hawkes

### Division 2 Results

1st 36pts A Davies (v)  
2nd 35pts G Parratt (v)  
3rd 34pts Roy Penney

Two more dates for your diary, Invitation Morning the 26th August and Seniors Salver on the 31st August.

Finally my Senior Captain's Away Day at Kingsdown Golf club went off well considering we had a few drop out at the last moment due to unforeseen circumstances. I still hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

*Terry Stone*

## Ladies Alliance Team

The 1st team have four matches left to play. At present we are 3rd in the league.

If we have a good run of results we could be looking at promotion to division 2.

I don't want to get ahead of myself but it is possible if we can continue to field our lower handicap players.

So come on ladies we need you all.

*Lynn Lavender*

## Pro-Shop Offers

Callaway Diablo woods were  
£199 now £129

Mizuno MX 100 irons (4-SW) £329  
Get Wedge + 1 Doz Srixon Z Star Free  
WORTH £119

Get your Official Glenmuir Ryder cup clothing at  
discount prices!!

## The Frank Stone Column



### BRIDGES (Rule 24-2)

On many courses that you play you will find a constructed bridge over a ditch/water hazard. These bridges being man-made fall under the definition of immovable obstructions. If your ball is in the hazard you do not get any free relief. If your ball is outside the hazard and interference occurs, you are normally entitled to free relief. (Nearest point, plus one club-length).

However, at Knowle these bridges are defined, "on the Local Rules", as an Integral Part of the Course and no free

relief is available wherever your ball lies. So always consult the local rules of the course which you are playing to clarify their status. You can always ground your club on the bridge as this is not "ground in the hazard" . . . however . . . beware, you must not remove any loose impediments lying on the part of the bridge within the hazard.

### UNPLAYABLE LIES (Rule 28)

In the Gold Medal recently there were many instances of unplayable balls. As you all know you have three options if you declare your ball unplayable.

Drop, under penalty of 1 shot . . .

- (a) Within two club-lengths of the ball - not nearer the hole.
- (b) As far back as you like behind the ball - keeping the ball and flag in a direct line.
- (c) Return to where you last

played your previous stroke (i.e. Stroke and Distance)

There were a couple of instances where the only option was (c) above and I was asked on three separate occasions (not by Knowle Players on this occasion) if they could drop on "LINE OF ENTRY". I have heard this expression used before when giving rulings in our own Club Championship and when giving "Water Hazard" drops. Will all Knowle members note.....there is NO such terminology within the Rules of Golf. It matters not whether the ball came from the North, South, West or the Land of the Rising Sun . . . it is irrelevant. The "unplayable spot" is the reference point and not how it got there!

I hope that all Knowle Members now know that option (b) above means - that the original unplayable lie remains between the dropping point and the flag.

*Frank Stone*

## Captain's Report



The summer season is now well under way and the whole club has been playing an unprecedented amount of golf. However we need to make the most of it as Autumn comes along all too quickly and, before we know it, we shall be trudging through sodden fairways and temporary greens.

The club has played two mens team games. The first against Stinchcombe is part of a two legged match and we played the home leg, which, I'm pleased to report, Knowle won 7-1, with the return fixture due to take place on 15th August. The aggregate score between the two games will decide the outcome of the trophy and I am hopeful of retaining it. The second fixture was a home match against Oake Manor, who came up from Taunton, and we prevailed comfortably. No doubt they will be looking for revenge when we go there next year.

On 17th July we enjoyed the Frank Stone Classic, a mixed social event, superbly

organised by Frank and his sister Jackie Walker. The weather treated us kindly, we all had a prize and a convivial meal afterwards. Long may this day continue.

The club has played host to three county events this season. Gloucester men's 2nd team versus Wiltshire, Gloucester Golf Union Colts Championship, and Gloucester Ladies 2nd team versus Wiltshire. Knowle had representatives in all three matches and those of us who were privileged enough to witness the golf saw a very high standard set.

The 8th August saw the Knowle Gold Medal. This is our flagship open competition and the consensus of opinion is that it is the best organised open in this area, and is part of the Duchess Salver Competition. For this accolade we must be particularly grateful for the efforts of Ryan Coles and Brian Meredith. Their organisation is second to none. I am also grateful to the members who volunteered as starters and scoring assistants, without their efforts the day would not run smoothly. To put the icing on the cake Brad Selwood won the Gold Medal with rounds of 69 and 67. Scored amidst a very high class field this was an

outstanding performance and I congratulate him on behalf of the club.

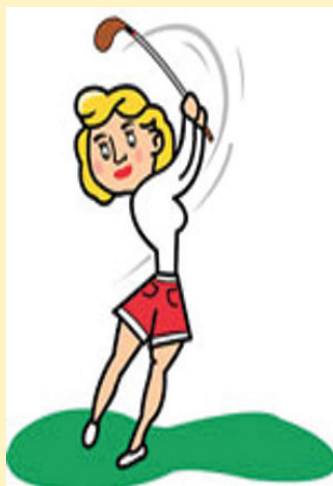
Finally my thanks to everyone who came to Captain's Day. The golf was good with Steve Thorne and Tony Rice winning with 48 points and all the runners-up on 45 points. The evening was a great success, a Pig Roast being enjoyed by over 100 of us.

My thanks to Gordon Ladd for the gazebo, to the Ladies Section and my wife for the salad accompaniments, and to Helen Treasure for prizing money out of as many as possible. We also had a visit during the afternoon from two dog trainers and their dogs. As you know my charity this year is "Guide Dogs for the Blind" and it was a joy to see these two future guide dogs on the course.



*Roger Hopkins*

# Knowle Ladies Golf



## Ladies Club Championships

Our Ladies Club Championships will be played over the weekend 28 and 29th August.

Completed timings will be displayed on the Ladies Notice Board. Please support your Ladies Section by entering. Entry Notice on Competition Board within the Ladies Cloakroom.

Saturday 28 August 1st Tee Booked 12 Noon

Sunday 29 August 1st Tee Booked 9.00 AM

Ladies the past couple of weeks have been very hectic and I thank you all for your continued support.

On the 29th July Rene Stedman and Maureen Reed with four Shirehampton Ladies played a friendly Nine Hole Match versus six Ladies from Henbury GC at Henbury. It was a delight to be able to see those ladies who are only able to play nine holes. The Ladies enjoyed a very competitive 9 hole match play competition followed by tea and sandwiches. My thanks go to Jan Pickersgill Henbury Ladies Captain for organizing this match. We look forward to playing again next year.

For my Lady Captain's Day Friday 30th July we ran a Bowmaker competition played in threes. We were very fortunate to have good weather. The Ladies matches were very close run, until the final card arrived in the club house we had one outright winning team and three teams on the same points. The last team in won by 1 point with 82 pts. 2nd 81pts 3rd 79pts.

Congratulations to the Winners : Jean Way, Angela Lane and Sue Vincent. 82pts

Prizes were awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. and 2 nearest the pin prizes.

I would like to thank the Ladies for providing a wonderful buffet and fantastic desserts and Elie and her ladies for their support on the day.

I thoroughly enjoyed the day and especially the company of all the Ladies; it was so lovely to see some of our more Senior Ladies for tea.

Thank you very much for my lovely gift.

Hannah Barwood and Shelby Smart have been playing lots of Open Championship Competitions over the past month and currently. Listed in the next column, just a taste of where they have played and will be playing.

Hannah - Following on from her amazing experience in representing GB & I in the Curtis Cup, has been playing in Europe.

She was England's only unbeaten player at the European Women's Team Championship at La Manga, Spain; England Team eventually Lost 4-3 to Scotland in the quarter finals.

Then onto The European Championships at Kuneticka Hora in Czech Republic where she finished tied 21st

Hannah will be competing in the Ladies British Open Amateur Stroke Play Championships - Tenby Golf Club - August 18 to 20th. Good Luck Hannah

Shelby - 27-29 July -Seacroft - Skegness English Girls Close amateur Championships - missed cut.

4Aug -Whittington Heath (Midlands) English Women Open Amateur Championships

9 to 13 Aug-Royal Belfast - British U18 Girls Championships. W/c. 16 Aug Chippenham - SW Girls County Week

25 to 27 Aug - Pannal GC (Harrogate, Yorkshire) North of England U16 Amateur Stroke play Championships - 132 Competitors

Congratulations to Shelby who has just returned from Royal Belfast - British U18 Girls Championships where she qualified for the Match play rounds unfortunately loosing to a plus five handicapper. We wish her good luck over the next couple of week's competitions.

## County Matches

Emma Reynolds and Jemima Gregson are now regular members of The Gloucestershire County Squad.

Well done ladies.

Welcome to New Lady Member Lucy Padley. Lucy joins us from Exeter GC.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mixed Friendly Matches September 2010

Notices are placed in the MAIN FOYER for the Mixed Friendly Matches.

Names have already been added to these popular matches. If you wish to play, please put your name up as soon as possible.

September 19th v Saltford (HOME)

September 26th v Mendip (AWAY)

*Helen Treasure*