# THE BRITISH LEFT HANDED GOLFERS ASSOCIATION

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During the Coronavirus outbreak, golf quite rightly, becomes insignificant when one considers the impact it's having on our lives and those of our families and friends. I'm sure we are all looking forward to the time when we have overcome Coronavirus and our lives get back to normal – whatever normal may be.

I hesitated in sending out the newsletter but after consideration thought it prudent to do so. Firstly to recognise our officers who have put a great deal of their time and effort for the Association and secondly to look forward to the light at the end of the tunnel. As you will appreciate all the articles were written before we were

all told to "stay at home". I have not altered any text to reflect the current pandemic. One reason why BLHGA was formed was to promote left handed golf through fellowship. This will be most welcome in the months ahead.

I want to track down our trophy holders, so if you've been lucky enough to win one kindly advise me.

So far I have rearranged the following fixtures. Time will tell if further ones will be played.

2<sup>nd</sup> April - Fulford Heath-now 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021

21st - 25th April - Portpatrick - now 27th April - 1st May 2021

 $19^{th}$  May – Ashbourne – now  $18^{th}$  May 2021

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Championships at Breadsall Priory-now 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021. Take care and stay safe.

# Alan Haines

Secretary

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# From the 2019 Captain: Peter Wootton

2019 was a very special year for me as Captain of the British Lefties. I am delighted to report that all the events were well attended throughout the year, with numbers up on 2018.

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My first major event of the year was Portpatrick and although play was interrupted by the sea mist everyone thoroughly enjoyed the week. I attended, with many of my fellow British lefties, the World championships in Willingen in Germany in May. Again the weather impacted on one day's play and some of the courses were particularly challenging but despite this several members were successful in winning prizes. The highlight of the year was my Captain's Day at Ladbrook Park in July. It was a real success, the sun shone and there was a warm welcome from the Club Captain and his team. Many players commented on the quality and set up of the

course and I am pleased to report that a number have returned to play again at Ladbrook Park later in the year.

My special thanks must go to Alan for all his hard work in organising a really good fixture list for my year.

Many thanks to our Committee for their support but a "special thank you" must go to Frank McCabe and Tony Broadhurst for their work in checking all the cards and working out the results.

I thoroughly enjoyed my year as Captain and the enjoyment I had from my year was made more special by the excellent support of members and guests.

I hand over the captaincy to Derek Smallwood, who I am sure will continue to have your support.

I look forward to the 2020 season under the sound leadership of Derek and the committee and wish you all the very best for the coming year.

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# From the 2019-20 President: John Carter

Although many of these articles start with reference to the passage of time, it really does seem a lifetime ago that I was honoured to be appointed Captain of the BLHGA in 2008. Now moving into my second year of Presidency I can look back with fondness on the intervening years since then and have played 1,014 rounds of golf with an average Stableford score of 32.65 (well what did you expect from someone who keeps statistics!). Sadly my handicap, which was 13 in 2008, has moved gently upwards and slipped to 15 last month.

We oldsters are told it's inevitable with increasing age; I shall fight it all the way though!

There have been many highlights during the past few years, particularly the attendance at World Championships, which my wife and I use as excuses for visiting faraway places: New Zealand, Sweden, S. Africa, Japan, Australia and Germany being the most recent. During last year's championships in Willingen I was delighted to be awarded my "Ten-Time Participation" certificate by WALG Chairman Richard Davison.



Closer to home I have tried to attend as many of our domestic tournaments as possible and since becoming President at the beginning of 2019, haven't missed a single one. This year (2020) however, I have to miss the Ashbourne fixture on 19<sup>th</sup> May which clashes with my brother's birthday on which date we shall be helping him to quaff the occasional bottle of something refreshing at his house near Bordeaux! Finally, the role of President is largely an honorary one and wouldn't be possible were it not for the indefatigability of the BLHGA Committee

and Secretary Alan Haines who works tirelessly throughout the year on all our behalf. Thank you, Alan from all of us. I look forward to seeing as many as possible on President's Day at Buckingham GC on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

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# Introducing our 2020 Captain: Derek Smallwood



Let me start by thanking you all for showing confidence in me and electing me as your Captain for the 2020 season. I am very pleased and proud to represent you and hope you will be active participants in the 2020 events programme that the committee has put together. Also I am pleased to have Alan Lines as my vice captain.

Following Peter will not be easy but having picked his brains during his captain's year I feel I can deliver the trust you have placed in me.

2019 saw me become a "rookie" at Portpatrick and I can now understand why everyone is so enthusiastic about the annual tour to Scotland. However as much as I enjoyed this experience 2019 will remain long in my memory because we have at long last won the cricket World Cup. The final was a nail biting match to watch with some "interesting" decisions, plenty of twists and turns and of course the victory in a "super over" definitely made it a match to savour.

As preparation for the current season I spent the first two months of the year, without any golf clubs, "down under". Not watching cricket but visiting our eldest son and grandchildren in Melbourne Australia. In late January Jill and I flew to New Zealand for a 3½ week tour of South Island. We hired a car, actually a Rav 4, travelled 4,200k's and averaged 10,000 steps a day. Sounds exhausting but we can assure you it was quite relaxing and the helicopter trip to Franz Josef glacier was one of the many highlights. Our trip also coincided with the Burt Munro Invercargill Indian motorcycle festival. We have never seen so many motorbikes in one place at the same time but we will definitely be sticking to four wheels. Hopefully I will see you all at some point during the season and in particular hope you can make my Captain's day at Worksop Golf Club on 14<sup>th</sup> August. The course is a good test of golf and in the clubhouse Lee Westwood's memorabilia and photographs will no doubt be of interest.

You will be pleased to know that I have declined John Carrington's offer to be my script writer and I have also mislaid, deliberately, his "left over" stories from his year in office.

Best Wishes to you all and looking forward to a great 2020 season.

# Chairman Francis C McCabe



May I commence by thanking all the members for their continued support for 2019. All competitions were very well attended which shows the quality of the courses selected by your Committee. Many members were among the prizes and in fact not many players won multiple prizes which might say our handicapping system is working. Mind you Hywel Benjamin did his best to prove me wrong!! As always our trip to Portpatrick was very well supported and as usual we all had a wonderful time which is again a testament to the exceptional organisation of our hard working secretary Alan Haines. Alan,

assisted by Paul, Roy and Graham looked after us very well on the drinks evening held at the bungalow he rents.

The Championships held at Forest Pines were very successful and those attending enjoyed a good golf course and good weather. It would be nice if more members attended our Championships.

Details of all competitions and winners are included in the newsletter.

In September we played at one of our favourite locations – Rotherham Golf Club. As usual the course and hospitality were as good as ever. In view of him being unable to find a slot at his home Club our President held his Captain's Day at Rotherham (not a bad option!) Thankfully he's booked Buckingham for 2020. Full details of the AGM are enclosed. However I'm delighted to welcome Derek Smallwood as our Captain in 2020 and Alan Lines as his Vice Captain.

Barry Ingham has been our Treasurer for many years but unfortunately due to ill health Barry has resigned from this position. As Alan has been performing the role of Treasurer, in addition to his role has Secretary, he is taking over the Treasurer responsibilities with myself and Chris Birch being signatories to the account. Derek Smallwood has agreed to audit the accounts.

An organisation such as ours rely heavily on its Committee members and we are blessed by having some hard working people and it befalls me to say a big thank you for the work of our outgoing Captain Peter Wootton and the contribution of our President John Carter in his first year. Running each competition is time consuming and involves many hours of issuing cards prior to play and the marking of the scorecards afterwards. The latter is normally undertaken by Tony Broadhurst and on everyone's behalf would like to thank Tony most sincerely for his hard work. I must also give all our thanks to Alan Haines with a little help from Sue for all his hard work in keeping our organisation operating smoothly. My final wish is to all our members hoping that you have a good golfing and healthy 2020.

# <u>The 26<sup>th</sup> World Left Handed Golf Championship –</u> <u>Mike May</u>



The 26<sup>th</sup> World Left Handed Golf Championship took place between 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in Willingen, Germany. The town is in the Sauerland area of Germany within the Diemelsee National Park and boasts one of the highest ski jumps in Germany. 10 golfers travelled from the UK, plus 5 partners, in a field of over 200 lefties. The HQ was in the Sauerland Stern Hotel where most of the participants stayed and which hosted the reception and presentation dinner. Frank McCabe noted that there were 2 villages

with the name of Willingen about 80 kilometres apart so one had to be careful when driving not to

go to the wrong one. He does add that the scenery between the 2 villages was well worth seeing!

Buses transported players to the venues although some of us drove as the bus journeys were usually over an hour long. Unfortunately heavy rain on day 2 meant the courses were closed and golf was cancelled for the day. The championship therefore was played over 3 days.

There was a mixture of courses, including an inland links with strange rock valleys across several holes, and others were parkland. All had varying degrees of difficulty with some stunning holes. Scoring was not easy and few people played below handicap. UK golfers had varying success with Harold Adkin and Mike May winning their respective flights and Captain Peter Wootten coming second in his.

The non-golfers had their own entertainment with various sightseeing trips and there was a full day organised for the rest day with visits to local enterprises including a brewery. The day culminated with a pitching competition on the ski jumping slope followed by a visit to a local café/bar.

The hotel and town proved to be great hosts although the organisation at times did not reflect well known Germany efficiency. Still everyone seemed to enjoy themselves,

apart from Harold Adkin. It would appear he came into the bar one evening and asked Ron Walker if all Germans were giants? When asked why he was enquiring, it was apparently because he wasn't tall enough to reach the urinals!!

All members left with promises to meet in Paris in August 2020 for the 27<sup>th</sup> Championship.

There was a large contingent from China who have secured the Championship for 2022.

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## <u>Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019</u> <u>Rotherham Golf Club</u>

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association held at Rotherham Golf Club on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018, together with the Secretary's Report and Financial Statement were circulated to members prior to the meeting. The letter accompanying the papers from our Chairman, Frank McCabe is also enclosed.

## Apologies:

Barry Ingham, Stan Quinn

## Matters Arising:

No matters arising. Minutes agreed unanimously.

## 2018-2019 Secretary's Report

## Membership and Fixtures

Membership of the Association is growing at a steady pace and overall attendances for the period have been good.

Chris Birch has worked hard on our website and it is now fully completed.

Knowing Chris there will be further tweaks in the coming months.

Our intention is always to play on good quality courses we can afford, given our subsidy at fixtures. Prices at some clubs have increased over the years and as such we may have to increase the amount charged by a few pounds.

It has become a tradition to play Rotherham in September of each year because we are always presented with a quality course and made welcome. Last year was no exception and we had 49 playing.

Our last fixture of the season was at The Leicestershire GC. We had a really good day with the course in good condition and a warm welcome, made even more enjoyable with Malcolm Driver being our host.

I try and find a dry course for our first fixture of the season. This year we visited Lincoln GC and had a very warm welcome. The greens were in their usual excellent condition but the fairways, like many courses, had suffered the extremities of last year's summer and placing to within a club length was introduced to try and find some turf. However I'm pleased to say this did not spoil our enjoyment of the course and the fish and chips afterwards was excellent.

We had 42 attending Portpatrick which was more than expected given the World Championships were being held in Germany a couple of weeks later. As usual the hospitality was first class and the Dunskey course in very good condition. However at times the food supplied by the caterer left something to be desired. It was his first year and must report that it is his last. The club served notice and he leaves on 31<sup>st</sup> October. I will be visiting the new caterer before we go next year!

I say it every year but if you've never been to Portpatrick, you don't know what you are missing!

The 26<sup>th</sup> World Championships were held in Willingen, Germany. Sadly one full day was lost to heavy rain. However there were some good performances by our members. In the Seniors division Peter Wootton was 2<sup>nd</sup> in his flight, whilst Mike May and Harold Adkin won their flights in the Super Senior division. First time I've ever heard either of them being described as a "super senior".

It is many years since we've had a fixture at Wollaton Park. It was very disappointing in that we had a good turnout but thunder and lightning in the afternoon meant the competition was over 9 holes. 4 hardy souls played the full round and couldn't understand why everyone else came in after 9!

Our Championship this year was held at Forest Pines Golf and Country Club and the 2 days were very successful. The venue is very popular and the courses challenging. We were very well looked after at the hotel and I'm sure we will return there again. In July we enjoyed our Captain's Day at Ladbrook Park GC. Peter Wootton could not have worked harder to make the day a success which it clearly was. A lovely day was had by all.

At all fixtures I've been supported by Frank McCabe and Tony Broadhurst who have done the cards. Their help ensures everything works on time. My thanks gentlemen. Just to mention that the next World meeting is to be held 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> August in France. Full details can be found at <u>www.walg.org</u>

It would be remiss of me not to thank Captain Peter, President John, Vice Captain Derek, Chairman Frank and all members of the Committee for their hard work and support this year.

### **Finance**

When reviewing our financial year it is very pleasing to note that our financial stability is still very strong. We've had 2 major known expenses this year - the Website costing £528.00 and the Captain's Day at Ladbrook Park. The investment in the website will be slow to prove itself but is very worthwhile. Secondly it has always been the custom of the Association to have the Captain's Day at his home club or another club of his choosing. We had a great time at Ladbrook.

I'm happy to report that our bank balances and stock values are still very healthy. - a very good performance given the levels of subsidy.

Talking of subsidy it is interesting to note that a member playing in every event during the financial year would have received a total subsidy for the 6 fixtures of  $\pounds 50.63$ .

The annual subscription of £12.50 is intended to cover the costs of running the Association and will continue at this rate for the foreseeable future. The costs of running the Association are very low compared to income received via subscriptions. The Portpatrick fixture continues to provide additional income for the Association. The raffle was excellent again this year and my thanks go to those members and guests who not only provided all raffle prizes but bought lots of tickets! Without such fixtures as Portpatrick and the Championships our financial position over the years would not be as strong as it is.

Unlike many other similar organisations we are not losing members and continue to attract a few new members each year. We are finding that golf clubs are charging a little more over the last couple of years. Whilst the same levels of subsidy will continue next year the cost of the day may increase slightly to a maximum of £53.00. Alan Haines

# Secretary 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019

#### BLHGA Income & Expenditure Account as at 31.07.19

| Opening Balances   |           | Income            |           | <u>Expenditure</u> |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| <u>Treasurer</u>   |           |                   |           |                    |
| <u>Bank</u>        |           | £10,561.29        |           |                    |
| <u>Secretary</u>   |           |                   |           |                    |
| Bank               |           | £866.02           |           |                    |
| <u>Stock</u>       |           |                   |           |                    |
| Prizes             | £1,085.50 |                   |           |                    |
| Balls              | £ 260.00  |                   |           |                    |
| Raffle             | £ 137.00  | £1,482.50         |           |                    |
| Subscriptions      |           | £1,124.50         |           |                    |
| Fixtures           |           |                   |           |                    |
| Wetherby           |           |                   | £ 76.90   |                    |
| Rotherham          |           |                   | £257.00   |                    |
| The Leicestershire |           |                   | £174.00   |                    |
| Torksey            |           |                   | £291.00   |                    |
| Wollaton Park      |           |                   | £ 176.00  |                    |
| Ladbrook Park      |           |                   | £658.00   | £1632.90           |
| Championships      | £ 149.50  |                   |           |                    |
| Portpatrick        | £664.39   | £813.89           |           |                    |
| <u>Deposits</u>    |           |                   |           |                    |
| Northampton        |           |                   | £120.00   |                    |
| Rotherham          |           |                   | £100.00   | £220.00            |
| Running costs      |           |                   |           |                    |
| Trophy repairs     |           |                   | £ 40.00   |                    |
| Postages           |           |                   | £ 41.90   |                    |
| Stationery         |           |                   | £ 87.85   |                    |
| Printing           |           |                   | £ 62.00   |                    |
| Website            |           |                   | £528.00   |                    |
| Telephone          |           |                   | £ 30.00   | £789.75            |
| Merchandise        |           | £266.90           |           | £242.00            |
|                    |           |                   |           |                    |
| Closing Balances   |           |                   |           |                    |
| <u>Treasurer</u>   |           |                   |           |                    |
| <u>Bank</u>        |           |                   |           | £ 8.29             |
| <u>Secretary</u>   |           |                   |           |                    |
| <u>Bank</u>        |           |                   |           | £ 10,743.66        |
| <u>Stock</u>       |           |                   |           |                    |
| Prizes             |           |                   | £1,006.50 |                    |
| Balls              |           |                   | £ 350.00  |                    |
| Raffle             |           |                   | £ 122.00  | £1,478.50          |
|                    |           |                   |           |                    |
| <u>Totals</u>      |           | <u>£15,115.10</u> |           | £15,115.10         |
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## **Election of Officers**

Captain: Derek Smallwood -Proposed by Keith Edge and seconded by Alan Haines

**Vice Captain: Alan Lines**– Proposed by David Marriott and seconded by Francis C McCabe.

Secretary: Alan Haines- Proposed by Tony Broadhurst & Frank McCabe

**General Committee were re-elected en Bloc** – proposed by Peter Wootton & Chris Birch

## AOB

Treasurer; Alan Haines – Proposed by Frank McCabe and seconded by David Abbey. Account signatories: – Frank McCabe & Chris Birch – proposed by Alan Haines and seconded by Derek Smallwood.

Auditor: - Derek Smallwood - Proposed by Frank McCabe and seconded by Chris Birch

Chairman thanked Peter Wootton (Captain) for all his hard work this year and congratulated John Carter (President) on his first year.

Chairman also thanked the Committee for their efforts during the year.

Meeting closed 7:30pm.

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# <u> The New Web and Social Media Sites – Chris Birch</u>

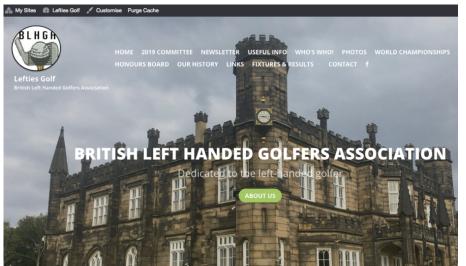
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Our old site survived for many years, and served a useful purpose whilst cyberspace and gadgets took over our lives! Like most of us, it was in need of a refresh, so that has now been done! It's designed to work on all devices, and pages re-scale dependent on what device you are on. It is fab on a smart phone, which I reckon most of us use! It is built on a Word Press shell, with added widgets, which allow me to do many things that before were not possible. The best way to see is to log on and surf around— There are many ways to get to where you want to go too, and you'll soon work these out, but on a phone, it's pinch, pull and poke!!! On a laptop / desk top (what's that!?) you can easily mouse and click around.

## The Purposes -

- 1. One is to keep us all up to date and informed
- 2. To record and share our history
- 3. To help build our 'brand' and *RECRUIT* new members!



I will be updating and adding to this new site all of the time now – You will see already there's an Honours Board. I want to capture all past winners and the evidence will

have to come from our cups –So if you have a cup, I would really appreciate if you could note its name and then create and send me a list of Year and Winners. I will do the rest!

There is a 'history' section – I have scanned a document that Barry Ingham produced ions ago, and this is a great starting point – you can read and download it ... but collectively, we need to add much more! So, you long standing members need to rack your brains and send me things you remember (with approximate dates), and pictures or other artefacts that you may have – I will build a narrative using these. There is a photos gallery and I hope this will become large and fun – would-be members will see for themselves that we can be mad! –Many of you may know that my motto is 'to grow old disgracefully'!  $\bigcirc$ 

I've created a Who's Who section and this will have a picture of all who play with us, their club and handicap. The Committee has a bit more information on those that keep the Association going. I would like to archive all of our Annual Reports to the site and Alan will help me with this.

Of course, in-year events will take much priority so fixtures, winners, forms, newsletters, blogs all have a place on the HOME page. My aim is to make the Homepage picture fit the forthcoming fixture, so I will need these sending to me wherever possible. As long as they are in focus, I can do the rest! You will see in Fixtures, the club website has a quick link too.

There is an easily accessed Facebook (closed) Group – First time you use it, I have to approve you – you can then add posts and pictures as normal – And non-approved people will be able to view this without commenting or contributing. This presence is critical as social media cascades quickly – so anything you can do to get others to look at would be appreciated ... This will be key to awareness building and recruitment.



There is a Twitter feed too - I don't use this (I'm already online too much), but for those that do, tweet away! It will reach people and places other things don't get to!! I am also looking at setting up a 'WhatsApp' group too for those of you that have been seduced to use this, usually by the children or grandchildren!

The World Championships have a tab, and those that go, please send me regular and daily updates -I will get them up for others to see - Live content attracts much attention. There is a Useful 'links' tab, and here, you will find useful websites. If you find others, send them to me and I will add them.

We live in a brave new world. Going back to my three purposes -I hope you can see my direction on this. Our future depends on attracting new members, of whatever age too ... Those that downsize jobs or retire etc should find that we offer the fun, friendship and fantasy outlined in the web pre-amble!

**The key to success?** That's easy in fact! – We have designed and created a useful informational and promotional toolkit. What we now need is for this to find its way into Golf Clubs, Golf Societies and to individual golfers themselves. Getting new members becomes a bit of a numbers game – the more that see and hear about us, the more that might be sufficiently curious to find out more. We have a great product to offer, but we are a bit of a hidden secret! **Your participation** in generating all the different sorts of content that attract interest is critical – This site belongs to you, and should reflect you. The webmaster merely curates the content. So send me as much as you like! Old, new, borrowed or blue (perhaps not! <sup>(G)</sup>).

Finally, I can add more / different pages too so if anyone has a great idea about something that is missing, just let me know. Use <u>birchcj@aol.com</u> to contact or communicate with me.

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## <u>Smile</u>

A father, son and grandson went to the golf course for a game of golf. Just as they reached the first tee, a beautiful young blonde woman approached them with her clubs and asked if she could join them, naturally they agreed.

Smiling the blonde thanked them and said:" Look guys I work in a topless bar as a dancer, so nothing shocks me anymore, if you want to smoke, have a beer, tell off colour stories, or do anything that you normally do on a round of golf, go ahead. But I enjoy playing golf, and consider myself pretty good at it, so don't try to coach me on how to play my shots"

The guys agree to relax, and invite her to play first; all eyes were focussed on her shapely bottom as she bent to place her ball on the tee. She then smashed a drive 280 yards down the fairway, the father said, " That was a great drive", the blonde put her driver away and replied " It was o.k. but I didn't get it right out the middle." When they got to her ball, she took out an 8 iron, and put it 3 feet from the pin, the son said, "that was a perfect shot."

The blonde replied, "It was OK, but I should have got closer to the pin." She then holed the putt for a birdie.

She then proceeded to play the rest of the round to the same standard, holing out for par & birdie all the way round.

When she reached the 18th green, she was 3 under par, and had a very nasty 5 footer (called a Denis Wise!) - Downhill right to left putt. She turned to the guys and said " I would like to thank you all for behaving so well on the way round, but I need this putt for a 69, and as I have never broken 70 before I would like your assistance in reading the putt, so if anyone can tell me how to make this putt, I will take them back to my apartment, cook them a nice dinner, have a nice bottle of wine, and show them a very good time the rest of the night."

The yuppie grandson jumped at the opportunity, and after studying the line, said, " It needs a firm strike, aim 4 inches outside the hole and you will make it."

The father then studied the line, and said, " No it needs a break of 6 inches outside the hole hit it softly, and it will run down into the hole."

The grey haired grandfather walked over and picked up the ball saying "It's a gimme sweetheart, your car or mine"

OLD AGE AND TREACHERY WILL OVERCOME SKILL AND YOUTHFUL VITALITY EVERYTIME.

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## Nothing to do with Golf, but I found it funny!

There is a factory in Northern Minnesota, which makes the Tickle Me Elmo toys. The toy laughs when you tickle it under the arms.

Well, Lena is hired at The Tickle Me Elmo factory and she reports for her first day promptly at 8:00 am.

The next day at 8:45 am there is a knock at the Personnel Manager's door. The Foreman throws open the door and begins to rant about the new employee.

He complains that she is incredibly slow and the whole line is backing up, putting the entire production line behind schedule

The Personnel Manager decides he should see this for himself, so the 2 men march down to the factory floor. When they get there the line is so backed up that there are Tickle Me Elmo's all over the factory floor and they're really beginning to pile up. At the end of the line stands Lena surrounded by mountains of Tickle Me Elmo's. She has a roll of plush Red fabric and a huge bag of small marbles.

The 2 men watch in amazement as she cuts a little piece of fabric, wraps it around two marbles and begins to carefully sew the little package between Elmo's legs.

The Personnel Manager bursts into laughter. After several minutes of hysterics he pulls himself together and approaches Lena.

'I'm sorry,' he says to her, barely able to keep a straight face, 'but I think you misunderstood the instructions I gave you yesterday... '

'Your job is to give Elmo two test tickles.

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### Richmond Golf Club – Temporary Rules, 1940

1. Players are asked to collect Bomb and Shrapnel splinters to save the se causing damage to the Mowing Machines.

2. In Competitions, during gunfire or while bombs are falling, players may take cover without penalty for ceasing play.

3. The positions of known delayed action bombs are marked by red flags at a reasonably, but not guaranteed, safe distance there from.

4. Shrapnel and/or bomb splinters on the Fairways, or in Bunkers within a club's length of a ball, may be moved without penalty, and no penalty shall be incurred if a ball is thereby caused to move accidentally.

5. A ball moved by enemy action may be replaced, or if lost or destroyed, a ball may be dropped not nearer the hole without penalty.

6. A ball lying in a crater may be lifted and dropped not nearer the hole, preserving the line to the hole, without penalty.

7. A player whose stroke is affected by the simultaneous explosion of a bomb may play another ball from the same place. Penalty one stroke.

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## **Dear Problem Page**

I've never written to you before, but I really need your advice. I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs...... phone rings but if I answer, the caller hangs up. My wife has been going out with the girls a lot recently although when I ask their names she always says, "Just some friends from work, you don't know them."

I always try to stay awake to look out for her coming home, but I usually fall asleep. Anyway, I have never approached the subject with my wife. I think deep down I just didn't want to know the truth, but last night she went out again and I decided to really check on her.

Around midnight, I decided to hide in the garage behind my golf clubs so I could get a good view of the whole street when she arrived home from a night out with "the girls".

It was at that moment, crouching behind my clubs, that I noticed that the graphite shaft on my driver appeared to have a hairline crack right by the club head. Is this something I can fix myself or should I take it back to the pro shop where I bought it?

# <u>2019 Season Results</u>

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### Lincoln GC

- 1. Alan Haines 39 points
- 2. Hywel Benjamin 34 points
- 3. Frank McCabe 33 points

### Portpatrick (Dunskey) GC - Northern Cup

- 1. Chris Birch 42 points
- 2. Frank McCabe 40 points
- 3. Malcolm Driver 40 points

### Wollaton Park GC (Reduced to 9 holes in view of thunder & lightening)

- 1. Hywel Benjamin 20 points
- 2. Phil Sharman 19 points
- 3. John Carrington 19 points

#### **Championships**

### Bob Charles (gross)

- 1. Peter Wootton
- 2. Stephen Conroy
- 3. Chris Birch

Malcolmson Trophy (net)

- 1. Alan Clifford
- 2. Harold Adkin
- 3. Alan Haines

## Ladbrook Park GC Captain's Day

- 1. Hywel Benjamin 34 points
- 2. Bryan Stock 33 points
- 3. Ron Walker 30 points

## **Cavendish GC**

- 1. John Burns 35points
- 2. Hywel Benjamin 34 points
- 3. Gary Sinclair 31 points

## Rotherham GC President's Day

- 1. John Carrington 39 points
- 2. David Abbey 34 points
- 3. Keith Edge 34 points

## Northampton GC

- 1. Malcolm Driver 36 points
- 2. Gerry McIntyre 35 points
- 3. Hywel Benjamin 35 points

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## **Clubs for Sale**



Slazenger FAST irons driving iron, 3,4,5,6,7,8,9, wedge and sand iron. Graphite shafts – Regular flex

£50.00 ono

Ping 58 degree lob wedge Glide 2.0. Steel shaft, regular flex. Good condition £25.00

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