

Tee Talk

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Chadders' Chat

Hello Folks! Just a brief chat this month as we have lots of lovely content from our dedicated readers!

As mentioned last month the Seniors have a packed schedule of friendly matches this year and the first five availability lists are now on the notice board.

Please check your diaries and **sign up** as soon as possible. We aim to get teams of 16 but please add your name to the list even if the first 16 slots are occupied. It's essential to have reserves available in case of late withdrawals (the bane of any Captain's life!!).

My other item this month relates to the club in general. You will have heard from the AGM that our club Management Committee are creating a new role of Commercial/Marketing Person to help raise funds for important club projects. Our section being "well experienced" we will likely have come across good schemes for raising funds for clubs in our golfing past.

Please share these with either myself or one of the Senior's Committee members and we will make sure they are passed on to the new incumbent. The more ideas, the better!

Yours in Golf,

Chadders



Photo: Peter Holliday

Third Thursday Tipple Tipple [sic]

Before we look at February's result, you may like to consider the following question: *What do seniors and pirates have in common?*



The new seniors' whisky competition was originally dubbed **Third Thursday Tipple**. But many have been referring to it as the TippleR not tipple. So, BCGC seniors and pirates both like saying 'arr'. (*Ed: if you want better jokes, send them in!*)

Participation in February's competition was dampened by an inaccurate BBC weather forecast. They claimed it was going to tipple down all day (bad pun intended). But the morning was warm and dry, with a gentle breeze. Great for golf!

In the end, ten people turned up and most managed to complete their rounds before the rain hit just before 1pm (as predicted by the Accuweather phone app). **Peter Holliday** put in an early claim for 2025's *Seniors' Bandit of the Year* with 40 points. His playing partners—**Tim Soullier** and **Rod Overy**—came second and third.

Last month's winner, **Graham Shipman**, must have liked the whisky because he entered again. **Mike Lee** and **Steve Myers** were the strongest pairing—holding the rest of the table up!

Whisky or cash?

The last winner-takes-all Third Thursday Tipple(r) competition of this winter is 20th March. Proceeds go to the club. **If you don't drink whisky, Steve Myers will exchange your prize for £20.**



Letters to the editor

Haste Ye Back, Bob

It was nice to read [in February's newsletter] that nothing has changed since I was last out with the Senior's. I look forward to the summer when we disabled can get out on a buggy.

I will soon be able to climb the stairs and get up for a cuppa and a blether with some AULD friends. Keep enjoying yourselves until then.

May God bless you with good health, a little wealth, and a lot of happiness. **Bob Henderson**

(Ed: You have all our admira-tions for your determination in overcoming adversity and getting back on the course.)

Golf Is A Shear Delight

A few years ago I played in the Branceth Castle Pro-am event with my son Peter. As usual the weather was horrible so on went the waterproofs and up went the brollies and off we went to see the starter. We were told the 4 groups that were supposed to be in front of us had not turned up so the tee was ours.

After about 13 holes we caught up to the team in front and started to chat with them. This went on for several holes until the 16th. As the weather had improved, the guy I had been talking to removed his cap. It was then I realised I had been talking to Alan Shearer.

In my defence I wear glasses and when they get wet I cannot see a thing. After the round Alan asked us to join his team on their table for the meal. What a nice guy he was. **Phil Hartley**

Victor Meldrew's Frosty Encounters

It was a cold, wet morning as I entered the ProShop. Ross was standing with the pack of cards looking a bit discombobulated as he had just angered the Sunderland lads by calling them Geordies. As a southerner (i.e. Yorkshireman) he had

failed to realise that, although Sunderland and Newcastle are only a few miles distant from each other, they might as well be a million miles apart.

In an attempt to lighten the mood, Ross fanned the pack and said, "Does anyone know any card games?" *(Ed: Doug reliably informs me that 'caard' is Geordie for 'cold'.)*

"Aye, load of 'em", said one of the Mackems, "Snow barlen, sledgem, and ice hockey for a start". *(Ed: see*

the book 'Larn Yersel Geordie' for a translation.) Showing admirable

restraint, Ross said "let's go out and make the draw".

The teams of three were selected, and me and two other unfortunates were the last ones out. Twenty five minutes later we teed

off and 4½ hours later—cold, wet, and miserable—we arrived back at the clubhouse. Everyone else was in by then. We came in last and when the results were announced we came in last. Our wives think we are out there enjoying ourselves. **Doug Bousfield**

Chadders' Counsel

This item follows last month, and involves knowing distances for some particular clubs. We can really improve our scores if we can reliably get the ball onto the green from inside 100 yards (The Scoring Zone). Often these distances involve a partial shot (i.e. the distance is less than your full shot for a particular club). We all probably

have at least two wedges in our bags and practising with these can really pay dividends. So my recommendation is to go out on our practice area and hit full and half shots with your wedges (and if you can judge it correctly ¾ shots – that's beyond me though).

This will groove those clubs and give you 4, 6 or 8 different distances that you can hit the ball reliably depending on whether you have 2, 3 or 4 wedges (full and ½ shots). If you can successfully gauge a ¾ shot you'll have three distances per club. As you become more proficient and confident with these shots I'll bet you start to zoom in on the pin and create one putt opportunities. Happy Golfing!



Photo: Ross Law

Caption Winner

"I tried this on the wife and she had a smile on her face all night."

Well done, **Dave Hurst**. A Malbec is on its way to you!

