

Tee Talk

BCGC Seniors 2025 #5

Photo by Kevin Sellwood

Captain Chadders' Chat

I was "playing" in a Seniors Bogey competition recently. Sclaffing, chunking, thinning....you get the picture. But somehow I managed to keep the score going and ended up winning the comp! As one of my playing partners opined "It's what's on the card that counts" and "Enjoy it while it lasts". And he was right. So my advice is ride that wave while you can folks, at some point a combination of the golfing gods and the handicap committee will ensure your face meets sandy bottom!!

The *Bandit Trophy* has reappeared after some considerable time holed-up in a place no one could have guessed. He was eventually discovered stored with

Andy Simpson's golf trousers! Anyone who knows Andy is aware that he always plays in shorts so it was the perfect hideout!!

This has enabled me to re-institute the *Bandit of the Month* award. So I set my team of bounty hunters (the Seniors committee) on tracking down the sneakiest desperado of recent times. There were a number of candidates but the standout miscreant was **Simon Elliott** for a suspiciously high number of victories and placings (see the Newbiggin report overleaf for an example of the raft of evidence collected!!). His "reward" was to hold the trophy for this month and have a Bounty placed on his head (see piccy).

We have just played our first friendly of the season. It was graciously [Continued overleaf...](#)



This issue: *The Wars of the Roses* hots up!



Profile: Dave Hurst BCGC Treasurer

By Tim Wellock

It is our good fortune that **Dave Hurst** joined the club a year ago just as he was winding down towards retirement. After a long career in accountancy he was happy to keep his hand in by becoming the club's treasurer.

He jokes that it might be a trickier role than when, while stationed in Germany, he became the only army management accountant to have been sent to a war zone. That was Bosnia, where among the more light-hearted issues were complaints from farmers seeking compensation.

"One said we had killed a heifer," Dave recalled. "We insisted on seeing it and did find something dead but it certainly wasn't a heifer. Another farmer accused us of ruining his cabbage patch. I think we gave him 200 deutschmarks."

Born in Chepstow and raised in Leigh, Dave plays off 12.2 and hit top form when he amassed 45 points in the March round of the Len Kennedy Trophy. The son of an army man, he joined up himself at 16. He has a daughter in the MoD and a stepson in the Rifles. [Continued overleaf...](#)

Third Thursday Tipple

The runaway winner, in the last winter comp that is sponsored by the senior section, was **Ray Pipe** (left in the photo, right) on 42 points. **Ken Walters** dutifully presented the prize.

Gordon Martin and **Steven Hutchinson**, were Ray's closest challengers, on 38 points, as was **Simon Elliott**—who trounced Ray in the March *Bandit of the Month* award (see *Captain Chadders' Chat*).



"The seniors set-up is brilliant"



Wars of the Roses

I must protest about **Ross Law**'s ridiculous assertion in the last *TeeTalk* that Lancashire have a better cricket team than Yorkshire. This is the sort of outrageous claim which might be perpetrated in Upper Ramsbottom.

I would remind him that Yorkshire have won the County Championship 33 times compared with Lancashire's paltry nine. And Lancashire will be in the second division this season.

Yours in sport,

Tim Wellock (retired cricket journalist)



He met his wife, Fiona, in the army and after drifting apart they got back together in 2019 five years after he started working in financial management for the NHS in Hampshire.

"Fiona's from Barnard Castle so we decided to move up here once I was nearing retirement and could work from home. I joined Darlington Golf Club for a year but didn't like it. Barney's a beautiful course, challenging but not too long. I also like the friendliness - the seniors' set-up is brilliant.



"When I heard a new treasurer was needed I was more than happy to step in. I didn't have a clue about the financial situation but I've never shied away from a challenge.

"The Sage system is a bit unwieldy and the amount of work is a lot for our current staffing level. We need more income to carry out all the improvements we would like. That means finding more members or hoping that Simon Elliott can raise sponsorship in his new role as commercial director. The problems are certainly not insurmountable."



Caption Comp

Win a bottle of wine

Send your entries for this picture of **David Wright** by 22nd April to editor@teetalk.uk—open to members of Senior Section only. Entries must be suitable for all readers!

Simmo Supremo (by TW)

An Arctic wind held no fears for the man in shorts when 20 of us visited Newbiggin-on-Sea. We entered the last of their Winter Opens, a singles Stableford, and **Andy Simpson** won with 38 points, earning a voucher for £150. While the rest of us were buffeted into shivering submission, he finished two clear of the field and six ahead of our second best, **Simon Elliott**.

The wind played havoc with our putting on the amazingly slick greens, but Andy's ten minutes on the practice green paid off. We also held a team

game - best two from four - which was won with 81 points by **Peter Holliday**, Simon Elliott, **Fred Lewis-Bynoe** and **Mike Lee**.



Simon (Commercial Director) extracts money from seniors at Newbiggin



Polish up your short game

When things are not going well around the green I always try to remember the simple phrase *Putt, Chip, Pitch* to reduce the potential for errors. By that I mean, when at all possible, putt the ball.

If that isn't possible, try chipping (i.e. the ball runs more than it flies). Use a simple chipping technique similar to putting with hands down the grip and the toe down. Only Pitch (i.e. ball in the air more than running on the ground) when you absolutely have to. For example to get over an intervening bunker.

Hopefully that will reduce the instances of duffing or over-hitting your shots to the pin and give you more opportunities for a one putt.

Chadders' Chat (continued)... hosted by **Appleby Golf Club Seniors** in glorious sunshine. The pairs

matches (4BBB) were keenly contested. The food afterwards was very tasty (chicken chasseur) and the company extremely convivial. To top it all we managed a 5-3 victory. It was a fine start to the season and my thanks to both teams for making it such a memorable first outing as skipper. I'm already looking forward to the next encounter, which I hope to report on in the next *TeeTalk*.