



Tee Talk BCGC Seniors 2025 #15

Simon's Spiel

I would quickly like to thank Chadder's for the opportunity to take on the mantle of seniors captain. Big boots to fill, hopefully with everyone's help I can have a crack.



My first task was working with seniors committee to host the Christmas Cup and the annual prize giving. The Christmas cup (small but perfectly formed) was won in splendid fashion by Simon Elliott in very wet conditions that obviously impacted everyone else myself included. He looked like Mary Poppins with his umbrella and towels hanging neatly underneath. Great 39 points in those conditions.

Big thank to all who helped make the day successful.



In no particular order, Peter H, Tim W and Ken W. Well done to the prize winners which I believe are covered in Tim's slot.

Final big shout out to Jack awesome food which he has delivered time and again this year and is the

envy of other clubs when they come for matches or opens.

Congratulations are also in order for Doug Bousfield and Tony Atkin who successfully won the November and December Thursday tipplers—sponsored by the seniors section. Fantastic 43 point beating off the evergreen Doug and Simon Elliott.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a great festive season and more pars and birdies in 2026.

Simon

Some people think it's all over—it is now

The world's greatest line of football commentary was recalled during our annual trophy presentation. Just as in the 1966 World Cup final, it stemmed from a man named Hurst grabbing a hat-trick. In this case it was our club treasurer, Dave Hurst, who won a trio of trophies (*Tim Wellock reports*)

However, to the accompaniment of the theme tune from *The Good, The Bad and The Ugly*, he dodged a bullet in the three-man shootout for Bandit of the Year. He was pipped on a show of hands by John Matthews with Simon Elliott happy to come third.



John had the round of the Year, four under par, in leading his team to victory in a waltz. The following week the six-handicapper had four birdies on the back nine in winning the November round of the Len Kennedy Trophy with 41 points.

He and his partner, Ray Pipe, last year's Bandit, won our second Seniors Open by five points but even that was dwarfed by their terrific achievement in winning the National Club Golfer magazine's matchplay event.

John's late surge in the Len Kennedy left him with just too much to do in the December round. He missed several of the 12 rounds and with the best six scores to count he finished third.

Dave Hurst had been level with outgoing captain Peter Chadbourn, who nipped one ahead in

November but finished two adrift after Dave came in with 35 in the last round. He also won... *continued overleaf*

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the Summer Golfer Trophy, decided on an accumulation of points over the season, and the Senior Captain's Cup.

He clinched that with a nett 63 off the white tees in the last of the three rounds, reducing his handicap index to 8.8.



Regular playing partners Doug Bousfield and Kevin Atkin have both holed in one recently.

For 89-year-old Doug it was his second ace in 16 months after waiting more than 50 years for the first. Both came at the third and while the first rebounded off the side of the bunker the second flew straight at the flag.

"I used a three-wood and knew it was close," said Doug.

"We didn't see it drop but Steve Myers heard it hit the pin."

Steve was also in the group when Kevin holed out the 11th, both aces coming in the Saturday Winter League. Kevin, who tops the league, used a 9-iron and said: "It was a joy. It just felt really good and straightaway I said: "Be right."

The trophies were presented after a splendid Christmas lunch provided by Jack and his team. It was all the more enjoyable for those hardy souls who had ventured out in miserable weather to contest the Christmas Trophy.

The clear winner with 39 points was Simon Elliott, adding to the first trophy he won at the club in our matchplay event.

Well done Simon Elliott for raising nearly £40k for the club (see management meeting minutes)

"My only previous hole-in-one was at the old 15th, a 100-yard hole over a tree, when I was 15.

It hit the tree and we didn't know where it had gone."



Trophy winners:

Len Kennedy, Senior Captain's Cup, Summer Golfer: Dave Hurst.

Stuart Wilson Trophy, Christmas Trophy: Simon Elliott.

Past Captains' Cup, Frank Burdiss (3-club) Trophy: Peter Holliday.

Well done Dean Bradley for winning the Christmas Crossword Comp whisky

Ken Thompson Trophy, Robot Tour Trophy: Tim Wellock.

Brian Holmes Trophy: Steve Myers;

Winter Golfer: Kevin Selwood;

Away Day Trophy: Graeme Dalton.

"I played for the TDU team and was once the only winner in a 22-2 defeat at Hartlepool. I got my handicap down to 4.8 but developed back trouble and hadn't played for nearly six years before returning in September.

"Everyone in the seniors has been really welcoming and I get a regular supply of chocolate playing with Steve."

Steve, who was also in the group with David Wright when he holed in one at the 18th, said: "I'm open to offers to be a playing partner."

And just before going to press, Simon Gates holed out on the 8th. More on that in a future feature on our new Seniors' Captain. *Tim Wellock*



LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS

You probably know that you can remove loose impediments near your ball or on your line of play (Rule 15.1). Just don't move your ball while doing so otherwise it's a one stroke penalty.

Remember also that if the ball moves it must be replaced in its original location otherwise, you're playing from the wrong place and that's another two strokes (or loss of hole in matchplay) (Rule 14.7a).

That's the basics but what about when you're taking

relief? If the intended drop area is full of loose impediments (leaves, twigs, etc.) you can move them before you take your drop. Example your ball is on the road at the second hole. You determine your point of relief (not nearer the hole, but it's covered in leaves. You can move these before dropping your ball (knee height remember).

That's a pretty significant advantage as you'll have a reasonable chance of a cleaner strike so it's definitely worth taking the time.

Have a great Christmas!

Chadders

