



Tee Talk BCGC Seniors 2026 #2

Simon's Spiel

The season is almost upon us with the first matches coming up in the next couple of weeks.

Many thanks for those that have added their names to the sign up sheets. The team for Appleby away has certainly got some strong pairings based on our process of matching a high and low handicap player.

Worth mentioning the success of the Seniors in the Clubs Winter League which is close to completion, Kevin Atkin sits at the top with everyone too far behind to catch up. Tim Wellock and Doug Bousfield are also close the the top in their respective divisions and no doubt will make the final's day. Good luck to all.

Looking forward to a slightly drier spring and the chance to remove the stress of putting on the winter greens, its fair to say the first has had me reaching for the samaritans phone number on more than one occasion.

I would like to thank Alan and his team for keeping the course playable through the winter so we can enjoy fresh air, good company and witty banter.

Kind regards

Simon



Bienvenue a le vice capitaine

By Tim Wellock



We have not had a vice-captain in place at this time of year since Sid was a nipper. So, as if by magic, who should surprise us by stepping forward but Mike Lee? *Le Mike* is another member of that relatively new influx which has rejuvenated the senior section like a dose of Phyllosan, even if his golf, like him, is a little eccentric.

Mike's list of occupations includes magician, and his sleight of hand enables him to pull off such trick shots as the skied shank. He is, however, still learning, as this is his first club membership.

Born and raised in Hull, he joined the Royal Navy at 17 and sailed several seas before what he describes as a lucky clerical error saw him transferred to a Helicopter Commando Unit, based at RNAS Yeovilton in Somerset.

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ANOTHER HOLE-IN-ONE
Dans le simulator.
Lee Golfer est overleaf

Tomorrow's Golf League today

David Hammond writes: *What is this new golf league that everyone is talking about?*

TGL is the brainchild of sports executive, Mike McCarley and golfers Tiger Woods and Rory Mclroy. It is an indoor golf league that features teams with players from the PGA tour, playing head-to-head 15-hole matches in an indoor arena in Florida.



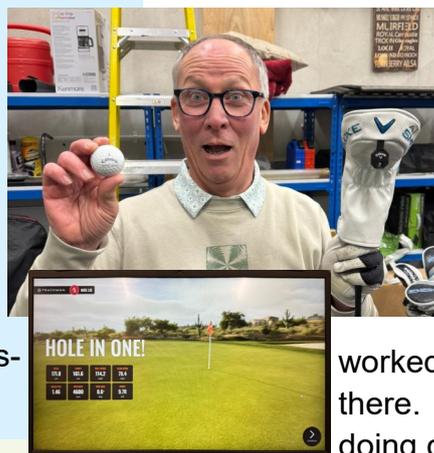
6 teams (7 in 2027), owned by various celebrities and sports people, compete with the top four in the league table entering a semi final and then final. Matches are from late December to the end of March. The arena is set out in two areas: *Continued*

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There will again be a Christmas bottle of single malt for the best reader contributions throughout the year. Last year, David Hammond won. He's got off to a quick start, as has Sid. Don't let Hammo win again!

Sexy Sid's Six Rules of Bedroom Golf

1. Each player shall furnish his own equipment for play, normally one club and two balls.
2. Play on the course must be approved by the owner of the hole.
3. Unlike outdoor golf, the object is to get the club in the hole and keep the balls out.
4. For most effective play, the club should have a firm shaft. Course owners are permitted to check shaft stiffness before play begins.
5. Course owners reserve the right to restrict club length to avoid damage to the hole.
6. The object of the game is to take as many strokes as necessary until the owner is satisfied that play is complete. Failure to do so may result in being denied permission to play again. *(More next time)*



Le capitaine (continued)... While down in that neck of the woods, he developed a love of Cornwall, which still holds a special place in his heart. Annette, his wife of 34 years, is originally from Weardale, and when they were looking to relocate with two young children and grandparents to consider, that is where they ended up.

A serious knee injury curtailed his military career, and he retired on medical grounds in 1990. Upon leaving the Navy, he studied theology and trained to be a Baptist youth minister. This is when he discovered magic.

"I was attached to churches in north London, then West Sussex. The interaction with children gave me the idea of doing magic tricks," he said. "I knew an escapologist who showed me how to communicate with young people using magic, and when that worked well, things just developed from there. I have performed professionally, doing close-up and adult shows, as some would say, but I prefer to call them family-friendly."

TGL continued... **The Screen Zone** is the golf simulator section where players hit tee, approach, and bunker shots towards a massive video screen. It is supplemented by areas of artificial grass and real sand, the front of which can be raised to simulate the depth of the bunker.



Once on the green or 50 yards away, the players move to the **The Green Zone**—a large green that can be rotated and has 600 motorised actuators which adjust the contours of the surface to match that of the computer designed green. The surface is artificial grass, but the bunkers have real sand. An overhead light indicates the spot where the ball landed on the video screen and that is where the ball is placed.

The virtual holes are designed by real golf course designers and feature canyons, mountains, desert, tropics, and all sorts of different environments, shapes and sizes; there is no limit to what can be done.

His first involvement with golf came when he somehow landed a job as the caddie master at a new club in Milford, near Guildford in Surrey. "It was designed by Peter Alliss, and being an affluent area, I think they expected a lot of the members to want caddies."

It proved not to be a long-term proposition, and after moving north, he embarked on yet another career as a driving instructor, which he still pursues, despite the company he works for losing their contract with the Ministry of Defence.

"I can still continue to give driving tuition, but I'm looking to ease myself into retirement – just don't tell my wife that. I'm looking forward to playing more golf and playing for the team as I take up vice-captaincy duties."

The "Where's Chadders today?" Game



Draw a line showing his route. He doesn't know yet, but he'll award a prize for the nearest line.