



# Tee Talk BCGC Seniors 2026 #3

## Simon's Spiel

The season is now in full swing, with our friendly matches well underway. Four played: won two, drawn one and lost one. All have been very enjoyable, and I must say a big thank you to those who have put their names down to play.

If you are thinking about it, please feel free to add your name to the sign-up sheets. They are a great day, including good golf, great food and, of course, excellent company.



The Stuart Wilson Knockout is also underway. Please try to play your match as soon as possible. For those knocked out, we can always look forward to cheering from the sidelines.

The TDU team is playing on Wednesday evenings in Division 1, so feel free to join the members cheering our team

on. You might even find the odd senior gets a call-up!

Thanks to Ross for continuing to run the Monday Seniors meets, which are always well attended, with excellent results from the usual suspects. 😊

The first Seniors Open is coming soon. Please feel free to volunteer to help on the day. Raffle prizes are also required in order to raise funds for the Seniors section. Please contact any of the senior committee on both points.

Great to see the course coming along nicely, and the commercial aspects of the club continuing to gather steam with new sponsors and partners.

Kind regards, *Simon*

## Doug's Ancyent Handicappe

Doug Bousfield celebrated his 135th birthday with two scrumptious cakes. He reminisced about many generations of golfers and international conflicts, though his memory of the Boer Wars was hazy.

"I was only 11 when they finished", he said. "I was too young to fight. But I had started to play golf. I quickly learned, under *Ye Olde Worlde Handicappe Syfitem*, you had to keep putting cards in to keep your handicap up."

Happy 89th, Doug.



## Chadders is back!

*Peter "why use 2 words when 20 will do" Chadbourn has returned, dodging the world's war zones. To help us dodge some double-bogeys, he writes in his counsel column:*



Thanks Ed – I resemble that remark!! 32,348 nautical miles covered and that's all you could come up with?

I thought we'd take a quick look at bunkers this month. Specifically **when two balls are close together** therein. If the other ball

might interfere with your shot you can either:

- (a) Ask for the ball to be lifted. Lifting player remember to mark the position but DO NOT clean the ball (failure = 1 shot penalty in either instance) *Cont'd overleaf...*

# More Rules of Bedroom Golf from Saucy Sid

1. It is considered bad form to begin playing the hole immediately upon arrival. Experienced players will normally take time to admire the entire course, paying special attention to well formed mounds and bunkers.
2. Players are cautioned not to mention other courses they have played, or are currently playing, to the owner of the course being played. Upset owners have been known to damage a player's equipment for this reason.
3. Players are encouraged to provide proper rain gear, just in case.
4. Players should not assume that the course is available to play at all times. Players may be embarrassed if they find the course temporarily under repair and are advised to be extremely tactful in this situation. More advanced players will find alternate means of play when this is the case.
5. Players should ensure that their match has been properly scheduled, particularly when playing a new course for the first time. Previous players have been known to become irate if they discover someone else is playing what they considered a private course.
6. The owner of the course is responsible for the pruning of any bushes which may reduce the visibility of the hole. *(More next time)*



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Sid and Hammo are early leaders—neck and neck—in the race to the Christmas bottle of whisky. Join the race by sending your submissions (20—150 words) to [editor@teetalk.uk](mailto:editor@teetalk.uk).

## Chadders counsel continued

(b) In stroke play the other player may play first instead of, after the first shot has been played, the lie of the other player's ball is altered—e.g. first shot covers the second ball in sand—they must attempt to recreate the original lie as best they can.

Also remember: **if you're not that good in bunkers and get a fried egg**, it is always an option to declare your ball unplayable. You can either (refer to R&A diagram):

(1) Play from where you last played (stroke and distance)

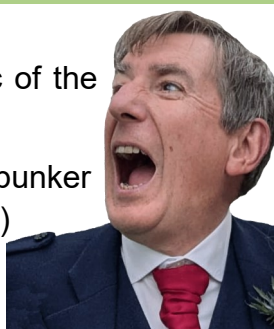
(2) Drop back on a line within a one club circle (1 stroke penalty)

(3) Drop your ball within a two club arc of the original position (1 stroke penalty)

(4) Drop back on a line outside the bunker within a one club circle (2 stroke penalty)

Yours in Golf,

*Chadders*



## TGL golf league

The 2026 competition has finished, but you can see a short (3min) recap of the final match at: <https://tggolf.com/match/2026/185>

*David Hammond* makes sense of the chaos:

Each team has 4 players but only 3 play in the matches. The match is played in two segments of match-play. The first is where each team member hits alternate shots. The second is singles with each player playing 2 holes. Teams are awarded 1 point for winning a hole.

To make the game more exciting for spectators and TV viewers, special arrangements like a 40 second shot clock, team timeouts, players favourite music tracks and the "Hammer"—a flag that is thrown down to double the points on a hole—have been introduced.

There were 6 teams—a 7th will be added in 2027—including Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy, Justin Thomas, Justin Rose, Tommy Fleetwood, Xander Schauffele, and several other well known golfers.

Next year's matches will likely be held between Christmas and Easter, when you can ask Jack to switch it on in the Clubhouse. It really is quite an entertaining watch and at times very amusing.

