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The 2007 Line up!



Our Captain, following his Handicap Revision



Our Vice Captain, tinkling with his ivories



Our President taking aim



Past Captain re-tooling himself

From the 2007 Captain: Harold Adkin

I joined the British Left Handed Golfers Association in 1992 after reading an article written by Harry Hubert in my local newspaper. Harry introduced me to the Left Handers and I have really enjoyed my days out ever since. I am looking forward to playing with members old and new and to my Captains Day in July at my golf club at Longcliffe. The Association played there a couple of years ago and liked it so I do hope you will join me.

I have also been fortunate to attend several world championship events, my first being ours at the Warwickshire, followed by Japan, Spain, Canada, Ireland and Taiwan, last November. I also hope to attend the Championship in New Zealand in 2008. On my trip to Taiwan I captained the European Team in the James Cup International Championship. This is an event held before the World Championships between teams from Europe, USA and Asia. Sadly we could not replicate our Ryder Cup team performance and were beaten – pride prevents me from telling you the score!

Last year on being appointed Vice Captain, I was really looking forward to the year and supporting Gerald Frost. In January 2006 I had a my hip replaced which meant I could not play a great deal of golf until late in the season but pleased to report I am fully recovered and looking forward to the golfing year. On behalf of all members I would like to thank Gerald Frost for a great 2006 season where the Association saw numbers attending increase compared with previous years. Gerald attended every event, which does reflect his commitment to the Association. He also had some health problems but I am pleased to report is now fully recovered.

It is now with great pleasure and pride that I look forward to being the 2007 BLHGA Captain, wishing you all a good golfing year.

Harold Adkin

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## *Immediate Past Captain: Gerald Frost*

*Another year gone and all too quickly!*

*Firstly thanks to all members and their guests who have supported the events in 2006. For my part I have thoroughly enjoyed myself and playing off a challenging 27 handicap cannot see the day again when I'll go off the 1<sup>st</sup> tee first – office does have its privileges!! Having said that, following my net 59 in a medal round at Elland Golf Club, I do wonder if any member had a better score in 2006. The fellowship of the Association is very special and that, linked with the banter and some unforgettable moments, will always be treasured.*

*Well done to all the visitors to the prize table and especially to Barry Ingham who won a couple of prizes, albeit in the raffle! Thanks to the Committee members those who ran the events and special thanks to Tony Broadhurst and Frank McCabe for doing the cards. Final thanks go to Alan who does put a great deal of work into running the Association.*

*My best wishes go to Harold Adkin in his year of office. All the best to members for the coming season –with less interference from the Chancellor, may we continue to expand and prosper.*

*Gerald Frost*

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## *Our 2007 Vice Captain: John Carter*

*Walking down yet another sunlit fairway on a typically perfect Left Handers day in the autumn of 2005 I was asked what I did (a common enough question for us non-retired folk). After explaining about interim management and working 10 hours a day, sometimes 6 days a week, my friendly interrogator asked “so why are you still working?” Although, at the time, I came up with some banal reasons concerning challenges, making a difference, job satisfaction etc. it rang a bit hollow and made me think long and hard. Consequently when my latest assignment finished at 2005 year end I decided to call it a day for “paid” work and catch up a little with those things I’d been putting to one side for years. Never has 12 months gone so quickly!*

*Joining the Seniors at Buckingham meant mid-week matches and friendlies in addition to week-ends; serving on the committees of 3 local organisations necessitates a good deal of finance and spreadsheet work and by renewing my acquaintance with music lessons I found myself talked into performing as part of a local charity fund raising concert. My inadvertent Les Dawson impersonation however paled into insignificance compared to the trombone virtuosity of our immediate Past Captain Gerald Frost.*

*I was surprised and delighted to be appointed Vice Captain for this year and look forward very much to supporting our new Captain, Harold Adkin throughout the year and renewing friendships with all the Association’s members. 2007 promises to be a really good year for the BLHGA with visits planned to some favourite courses, as well as new exciting ones on which to test our skills. Although Portpatrick is about 2,000 miles north of where I live I just have to go and see what It’s all about and the special time they have when they are there!*

*John Carter*

## *Presidential Words of Wisdom: Frank McCabe*

*They say that times flies when you're having fun. Well that's particularly true in my case this year. Time has just flown by and I have really enjoyed my first year as your President. As an Association we have had a good year, from our first meeting at Worfield through to Captain's Day recently at Rotherham. The attendance at all the meetings has been very good but special mention must be made of Gerald's Captain's Day where the attendance exceeded 60 golfers. That certainly is a first in my time with our Association. Looking back we had another great three/four days at Portpatrick and it would be remiss of me if I did not express my thanks to Tony Broadhurst for his excellent organisation of the Championships at the Forest of Arden. Tony did a great job on our behalf and overall it was an excellent weekend. I must congratulate the prize winners for their low scoring and just to mention one Irish Left Hander for his net 59 (not me!)*

*I must thank all members of our committee for their efforts throughout the year with particular thanks to Alan Haines, our hard working Secretary, and finally my thanks to all our members for their support throughout this year. I am looking forward to next year.*

*Frank McCabe*

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### **2007Fixtures**

*The fixtures have been sent to all members. A gentle reminder to return the completed fixture list to the Secretary as soon as possible.*

*Following a recent Committee meeting the question of score card completion was discussed and that several times last year errors were found on score cards, but for one reason or another they were allowed to be corrected after they had been handed in. As our main aim is to promote golf (albeit left handed) we must apply the rules as set down by the R &A when it comes to score cards. Therefore once a card has been handed in, no changes will be allowed. If the card is incorrect the player will sadly be disqualified – you have been warned! If in doubt always mark the gross score.*

*We will follow the precedent set in previous years in that the member who wins an event will have their handicap reduced by a shot – multiple winners watch out! Your handicap will revert to your club handicap at the start of the following season.*

### **BLHGA Championships**

*An application form to play in this year's Championships is enclosed with this newsletter. If you are attending and have not sent your application and deposit to Tony Broadhurst already, please do so ASAP. Tony needs to finalise hotel and tee times by the end of March. Whilst we will try and accommodate late applications it is not always possible as the hotel does get booked up fairly quickly.*

### **Four ball Better Ball Knockout**

*We are going to have a members' four ball better ball knockout this year and an application form is enclosed. I will endeavour to arrange rounds on a geographical basis initially. Experience has shown that key to it's success is that matches are played on time and members help in this matter is appreciated. If you wish to enter and do not have a partner that's no problem as I am happy to match members up. Entry is £7.50 per pair and covers costs and prizes etc.*

*Application papers need to be returned to the Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> March at the very latest*

### **Irish Lefthanders' Weekend – Bundoran. 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2007.**

*If you are interested please contact our 2007 President Frank McCabe (Telephone 01332 880411). Having attended this weekend on several occasions I can fully recommend it. It's excellent value and the company is first class.*

### **3<sup>rd</sup> French Left Handed Golf Championship Orleans 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2007**

*Orleans is approximately 120 km south of Paris. The divisions will be Open: Seniors (55 and over): Juniors (-16) and Ladies. The competition is a 36 hole medal. Cost is €140 and covers the practice round on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, 2 medal rounds on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, Prize Giving ceremony and cocktails on 8<sup>th</sup>.*

*Accommodation has been arranged at "Domaine des Portes de Sologne ([www.portes-de-sologne.com](http://www.portes-de-sologne.com)) where special rates for left handers have been negotiated. Rate only applicable if booked before 1<sup>st</sup> June.*

*All enquiries regarding the tournament to: Jean Mussy (President) Email: [jeanmussy@wanadoo.fr](mailto:jeanmussy@wanadoo.fr) Tel: +33 (0)6.60.18.16.94*

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### **Finance update**

*I thought members might like an update on our finances. Subscriptions via standing orders represent the bulk of our income and arrive in January. The response so far is almost exactly the same as last year. 121 members have paid. From experience I know that when Spring arrives and thoughts turn to golf (for some!) individual cheques are received. Other members pay their subs at the first fixture they attend. The financial situation is healthy with around £5,500.00 being held between the Secretary and myself. Clubs that we intend to visit are demanding larger deposits in advance. Despite rising costs we are in the fortunate position of not seeking to increase in the annual subscription. Following a recent Committee Meeting it was agreed that whilst the cost of the majority of fixtures would remain at £50.00, one or two fixtures would be increased to £55.00. This is where the combined cost of the green fee and meals are in excess of £55.00. The Association will still subsidise the fixtures however through the provision of prizes and the excess of costs over £55.00. We have 75 members on our books who at present have not paid the subscription. If they had paid this would have generated an additional £937.50 of income. From time to time Alan and I have a cull on our membership list to ensure we keep costs down and only write to fully paid up members. Post costs alone are an unnecessary expense. We intend to enquire whether or not they wish to remain members and will remove golfers who have not paid their subscription for 2 years. We will do this discreetly to avoid possible embarrassment. As usual I have tried to identify subscriptions received as shown on the bank statements. Most are straightforward but others*

are less so. Names appear as joint accounts and business accounts but normally I can trace the members concerned from previous years. Problems I have this year are payments received from:

**Benn A & J**

**Dutton AJ & EA**

**Draper E & SN**

**O'Donaghue or Donoghue F & LA**

*If these apply to you, please let me know!*

*Two others that have me baffled are shown on statements as just numbers. These are:*

**P902199606**

**P506563904**

*From my National Service days in the fighting (only between themselves) Royal Army Pay Corps I know these cannot be army service numbers. It may be that these members are in gaol and these are their prison numbers. If so and they contact me I will use great discretion. I know it seems unlikely that a prison inmate would pay their subscription covering a year's golf. Given the state of the nations security they possibly intend to escape before the season starts. I make the assumption that being a member of ours they will be "Gentlemen" and held in an open prison.*

*The serious point is that if we don't know who any of the above are, Alan will be unable to keep them abreast of our fixtures. It is nice to have their money but we do wish to provide a service.*

*Barry Ingham*

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### **Some you've heard before??**

- *The older you get, the stronger the wind gets and it's always in your face.*
- *If some players took a fork to their mouths the way they take the club back, they'd starve to death.*
- *The only thing you should force in a golf swing is the club back into the bag.*
- *Practice puts brains into your muscles*
- *Man blames fate for other accidents but feels personally responsible for a hole in one.*
- *If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf.*
- *Golf is a simple game made difficult by man.*
- *If you wish to hide your character, do not play golf*
- *The older I get the better I used to be.*
- *I'm playing so badly I've had to get my ball retriever re-gripped (Ron Walker)*

*And finally.....*

*Oh! The dirty little pill  
Went rolling over the hill  
And rolled right into a bunker.  
From there to the green  
I took thirteen  
And then by God I sunk her!*



## **Annual General Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

### **Ingestre Park GC**

*The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association held at Pontefract Golf Club on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005, together with the Secretary's Report and Financial Statement were circulated to members prior to the meeting.*

*Due to the dreadful weather the course was waterlogged and no play was possible in the afternoon round. In view of this the AGM was brought forward and was opened at 1.50pm. Sadly our Captain Gerald Frost arrived too late to attend the meeting.*

**Apologies:** Stan Quinn; Roger Stansfield

#### **Matters Arising:**

*Members were reminded that with the ever increasing postal and stationery costs we should use emails wherever possible. Members should advise the Secretary of the email addresses where appropriate.*

#### **Secretary's Report**

**Membership:** *A very steady year. I have received 15 enquiries for membership. There are about 18 members who have not paid this year. Treasurer and Secretary meet each year and if a member has not paid for 2 consecutive years they are removed from lists. Our membership remains at about a figure of 180. Of this figure we have 74 members attending events this year with a "hard core" of 25 members who play in 5 fixtures or more.*

**Website:** *Barry Ingham has now finalised the history of the Association – a very difficult task separating facts from fiction/gossip! One of my main focuses in the coming year is to improve our website and hopefully attract more members. The majority of new member come from recommendations from exiting members with enquiries from either the BLHGA or WALG website accommodating the rest.*

#### **Meetings:**

*The overall attendance at meetings is showing a positive upward trend with the overall increase averaging 7+ per meeting on last year. The current number of fixtures appears about right and the numbers attending the majority of events is over the 35 mark. I am conscious we need to have a comprehensive geographical spread of fixtures and this year we will have visited both Buckingham and Burghley Park. Next year I propose to replicate many of the fixtures and perhaps include a course we either have not played for some time or one we have never visited. Ease of travel has been an important ingredient with the golf clubs being very close to the motorways – the exception will always be either Captain's/President Days where we attempt to play the members own course. We enjoyed returning to Rotherham for our Captain's Day where just under 70 played with 72 enjoying the meal. Our Captain would have preferred for us to visit his golf club at Elland, but as it is a 9-hole course it could not cater for the numbers. A similar course of action will have to take place next year on Captain's Day – Harold Adkin would like us to visit his club at Charnwood but as this is also a 9-hole course we will be going to Longcliffe.*

*The President's Day at Ashbourne was very well attended and again everyone had a super day. Frank's course was in first class condition and we were very well looked after and look forward to going there again next year.*

*5 years ago the Committee gave a commitment to keep costs to £50.00 per head and I am looking to keep at that figure again next year. You will see from the accounts produced by our Treasurer that we make a "profit" at some events and "losses" at others. Basically this year, with the support of Portpatrick and Ashbourne, we are in the envious position of having*

*£1000+ more in the bank than last year. Whilst I do not recommend extravagance, I will be using our solid financial position to retain the cost of the day at £50.00 wherever possible and ensuring we continue to play on quality golf courses. At £50.00 it does represent excellent value. Every year members advise its cheaper to play senior events – I do acknowledge that but often you do not play 27 holes and have lunch and an evening meal and a good prize table!*

### **Club Championships:**

*The Championship at the Forest of Arden was again held over 2 days and was very successful both in terms of the quality of golf and numbers attending. My special thanks go to Tony Broadhurst for all his hard work with the Championship. These things are not easy to organise but as usual he did a splendid job. His efforts continued over the weekend and with the help of Frank McCabe assisting with the cards the whole event went very smoothly. Next year is already booked for St Pierre.*

*Our congratulations go to Phil Vernon (National Champion and winner of the Bob Charles) and John Parham for winning the Malcolmson.*

### **World Championships – Taiwan**

*November sees the Championship going to Taipei. We have about a dozen members going and wish them every success. Numbers are down from Ireland and Canada, with many members waiting for New Zealand in March 2008.*

*Thanks to the Captain, President, Treasurer and members of the Committee for their hard work this year.*

*Alan Haines*

*Secretary  
31<sup>st</sup> July 2006*

*John Parnham raised the matter of playing a tournament “down south”. Alan replied the Association was very happy to do so, but in the past such meetings have been poorly attended and the cost prohibitive. He welcomed any member costing out events in areas outside the normal geographical areas and was happy to try again.*

### **Treasurer’s Report**

*There is little need to comment on the accounts as they follow a similar pattern to previous years. Subscription income dropped by around £100.00, which only represents a loss of 8 members. As usual some visits produce a profit and others a loss. There is no reason why we should not visit courses that although popular are not profitable. The subscription income can underwrite losses. As can be seen, the running costs of our Association are minimal in particular given the obvious costs incurred by the Secretary. We are indebted to Alan for a donation from the Portpatrick visit of £500.00. Notable also is the profit from President’s Day at Ashbourne. I’m sure Frank McCabe had a considerable hand in making it so. A small loss was made on the Championship held at the Forest of Arden. I’m sure those who attended recognise the prestige that this event generated. As Treasurer I can say that I have never had so many ledger entries for any event as money came in from many quarters and not always easy to reconcile. Thanks are due to Tony Broadhurst for all the hard work he put in to make it the success it was. From the combined assets held by the Secretary and at the bank it can be seen we have a total of around £8000.00, an increase of over £1000.00 from the last AGM. Given our financial year end of 31<sup>st</sup> July, Rotherham, Ingestre and Burghley will appear in the 2007 accounts. Overall these events are unlikely to change our financial position dramatically.*



Frank McCabe holds approximately £650.00 worth of sweaters, ties and shirts and we have a stock of golf balls valued at £646.00. I replenished the stock of bag tags at a cost of around £150.00. I send these to new members by way of introduction to our Association.

Overall a satisfactory financial year, which enables us to keep costs to members at a reasonable level at a time of rising costs. My thanks go to the committee members who handle our visits, in particular those who take charge at the few events I am unable to attend.

I will of course welcome questions as long as they are not too difficult!

**Barry Ingham**

Treasurer

31<sup>st</sup> July 2006.

| <u>BLHGA Accounts</u>   | <u>31<sup>st</sup> July</u><br><u>2006</u> | <u>Income</u>     | <u>Expenditure</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Opening Balances</u> |                                            |                   |                    |
| Bank                    |                                            | £5,727.51         |                    |
| Secretary               |                                            | £1,273.51         |                    |
| Interest                |                                            | £6.35             |                    |
| Subscriptions           |                                            | £1,630.00         |                    |
| Merchandise             |                                            | £602.00           |                    |
| <u>Fixtures</u>         |                                            |                   |                    |
| Portpatrick             |                                            | £500.00           |                    |
| Pontefract              |                                            | £160.00           |                    |
| Astbury                 |                                            | £144.13           |                    |
| Worfield                |                                            | £140.03           |                    |
| Ashbourne               |                                            | £491.00           |                    |
| Wrekin                  |                                            | £105.51           |                    |
| Belfry                  |                                            |                   | £22.10             |
| Buckingham              |                                            |                   | £187.09            |
| Forest of Arden         |                                            |                   | £111.95            |
| Ingestre(deposit)       |                                            |                   | £300.00            |
| Rotherham (deposit)     |                                            |                   | £100.00            |
| Treasurer               |                                            |                   | £100.00            |
| Committee               |                                            |                   | £104.94            |
| Stationery              |                                            |                   | £48.32             |
| Engraving               |                                            |                   | £23.50             |
| Merchandise             |                                            |                   | £587.60            |
| Website                 |                                            |                   | £35.25             |
| Postage                 |                                            |                   | £168.48            |
| Telephones              |                                            |                   | £25.00             |
| Printing                |                                            |                   | £222.50            |
| Sub refund              |                                            |                   | £12.50             |
| Stock of golf balls     |                                            |                   | £646.00            |
| <u>Closing balances</u> |                                            |                   |                    |
| Bank                    |                                            |                   | £6,020.17          |
| Secretary               |                                            |                   | £2,064.64          |
| <b>Totals</b>           |                                            | <b>£10,780.04</b> | <b>£10,780.04</b>  |

### **Election of Officers**

Captain: **Harold Adkin:** Proposed by Frank McCabe, seconded by Tony Broadhurst and carried.

Vice Captain: **John Carter:** Proposed by Mike Elkington, seconded by Barry Ingham and carried.

Other officers: It was proposed by Mike Elkington that all other officers and committee members re-elected. This was seconded by Keith Edge and carried.

A vote of thanks was given by Ron Walker (Chairman) to Alan Haines (Secretary), and Barry Ingham (Treasurer) for their hard work during the year. Ron also thanked Tony Broadhurst for organising the successful Club Championships.

### **Any Other Business**

None

Meeting closed at 2.30pm

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## **18<sup>th</sup> World Championships** **New Zealand** **2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

The details of the next World Championships can be found on the WALG website [www.walg.org](http://www.walg.org)

The event is being held in Queenstown and it is planned that the following courses are to be used:

- Queenstown G C
- Millbrook Resort G C
- Arrowtown G C
- Jack's Point G C

It looks as though it will be very well attended. If you are considering going I would strongly suggest you submit your application now and book your hotel accommodation. I am expecting a larger than average party to go from the BLHGA. You can also visit [www.nalg.co.nz](http://www.nalg.co.nz) and register on line.

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## **2006 Review**

### **Worfield G C**

This was our first visit and we were made very welcome. Playing in April, it was important we had a dry course and this certainly was. Not for the faint hearted, as it was a hilly course with some very challenging holes. It was warm and sunny which made climbing some of those hills rather warm!

### **Worfield G C**

#### **Members**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Elkington – 39 points**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Edge – 37 points**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Ron Walker – 35 points**

#### **Guests**

- Ken Davies – 32 points**

### **Portpatrick**

*This fixture seems to go from strength to strength each passing year. The course at Dunskey was in its usual excellent condition and the 4 competitions were competitively played for. Even the weather was well behaved-which could not be said for everyone!*

#### **Newton Stewart – 4 ball better ball**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jeremy Davies & Jim Sykes – 41 points**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Joanne Furby & John Gatenby – 38 points**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Funnell & Graham Hollingdrake – 37 points**

### **Dunskey- Stableford**

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Symons – 43 points**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Frank McCabe – 43 points**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Haines – 42 points**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Steve Schofield – 42 points**

### **Dunskey AM-AM**

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Gatenby; Tony Broadhurst; Val Abbey; John Allott – 87 points**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Captain; Frank McCabe; Ian Burtoft; Roy Whittle – 84 points**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Jeremy Davies; Sean Sheils; Mark Chandler – 83 points**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Joanne Furby; Dave Abbey; Dave Beecham; Barry Ingham – 81 points**

### **Dunskey – Medal**

#### **Members**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dave Abbey – 67**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Haines – 70**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Gordon Clark – 71**  
**4<sup>th</sup> John Gatenby – 72**

#### **Guests**

- Roy Whittle – 67**  
**Val Abbey – 69**  
**Jim Sykes – 70**  
**Joanne Furby – 72**

### **Buckingham**

*The new greens have now settled down very nicely and the course is in excellent condition. Buckingham is always a testing course and the 1<sup>st</sup> is an excellent hole – do you go over the ravine with your driver or do you lay up with a 7 iron? Some of us laid up and still went in!*

#### **Members**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Frank McCabe – 43 points**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Wootton – 39 points**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Haines 38 points**

#### **Guests**

- John Symons – 29 points**

### **Championships- Forest of Arden**

*Playing the Championships over 2 days has become popular with visitors from other countries taking part. We enjoyed the company of left handers from Ireland and Germany. The 2 courses played were very good with the “championship” course on the Monday providing a real test of golf, especially the par 3 18<sup>th</sup>. If your game was not on-song at least it was a very pleasant walk with the deer etc being very tame!*

*Special congratulations go to Phil Vernon, our 2006 Champion and winner of the Bob Charles Cup and to John Parnham for winning the Malcolmson.*

**Gross**

**1<sup>st</sup> Phil Vernon - 144 (Bob Charles)**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jonathon Tune - 155  
3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Butler – 156 (Ireland)

**Net**

**John Parnham (Malcolmson)-138**  
Jerry Bradley (Ireland)- 141  
Tony Broadhurst 142

**President's Day- Ashbourne**

*Frank made sure we were made very welcome and with 50+ playing was a very successful day. Ashbourne as always was in very good order and with the running, sloping fairways you often found the ball going in the rough. Sincere thanks to our President for donating the 1<sup>st</sup> prize.*

**Members**

**1<sup>st</sup> Steve Bryan – 45 points**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Barry Packwood – 43 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> Stuart Marriott – 42 points  
4<sup>th</sup> Tony Broadhurst – 40 points

**Guests**

**Peter Sutton – 40 points**  
Peter Robinson – 38 points  
John Symons 38 points

**Captain's Day – Rotherham**

*Rotherham witnessed one of our best turnouts for years to celebrate Gerald's Captain's Day. 60+ people turned out hoping to witness another net 59 but lightening does not strike twice – even for Gerald! The course was in its usual excellent condition with our winner Stuart Marriott also collecting the Brian Vincent Trophy. Thanks to Gerald for donating the 1<sup>st</sup> prize.*

**Members**

**1<sup>st</sup> Stuart Marriott – 40 points**  
2<sup>nd</sup> David Stott – 39 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ron Walker – 39 points  
4<sup>th</sup> Chris Birch – 39 points  
5<sup>th</sup> Alan Haines – 37 points

**Guests**

**John Thompson – 41 points**  
Brian Lowe – 38 points  
Neil Exelby – 36 points

**Ingestre**

*Members of the BLHGA are known to be golfers of the highest calibre and the odd shower never puts us off. Several hardy members went out in the morning when it was only lashing down with rain and could not understand why the course was closed in the afternoon when it resembled the Ladybower Dam. Sadly we had to abandon this fixture so held our AGM early.*

**Burghley**

*As the clocks changed we held the main competition in the morning and the 4 ball in the afternoon. It worked very well (confusing the late arrivals!) and perhaps needs to be replicated this year. Burghley is a good society course with the rough not being too tough. The 18<sup>th</sup> is a challenging par 5 for lefties with “Out of Bounds” all down the left hand side and then a roller coaster green. Members and guests were entertained after the meal by our Captain Gerald whose ill - use of his trombone has been reported to the Brighouse & Rastrick Brass Band. Our thanks to David Chamley who “volunteered” to accompany Gerald on keyboards.*

**Members**

**1<sup>st</sup> Harold Adkin – 36 points**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nigel Oldman – 34 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> John Parnham – 34 points

**Guests**

**Ian Price – 41 points**  
John Stainsby – 38 points

### **World Championships – Taipei**

Ten members attended the 17<sup>th</sup> World Championship meeting and were treated very well. Everyone commented on the hospitality shown by the Taiwanese. The courses were in excellent order. It always appears strange that very few participants play to their handicaps. Those that do are normally in the prizes. The “Worlds” are unique in that only gross scores count. Comments have been made in the past that the lower handicapper can have a few bad rounds and then win his flight. Problem is nobody has come up with a better idea. Our one success was **Malcolm Barker** who retained his Super Seniors Trophy. Our sincere congratulations go to Malcolm as to win once is a very good achievement-to retain it is superb, especially by 15 shots!

To see how members performed please go to the WALG website [www.walg.org](http://www.walg.org)

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### **Golfing Accommodation in Florida**

I am unable to make any comment other than Teresa Dorsett has sent me an email advising of golfing accommodation at the Villages in Central Florida. There are some 28 courses within the area so lots to chose from! If members are Interested their website is [www.innlog.com/lodging/FL/14199.html](http://www.innlog.com/lodging/FL/14199.html) whilst their personal email address is [teresandjohn@ntlworld.com](mailto:teresandjohn@ntlworld.com)

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### **Quotes from the Famous**

#### **David Leadbetter**

- Once your faults have been fixed mechanically, the sure route to success is using the longest of all shots – the six-inch distance between your ears.
- There is nothing about the short game that requires exceptional strength or a spectacular degree of co-ordination.

#### **Dave Pelz**

- With poor aim even a good swing will make the ball go to the wrong place

#### **Bob Rotella (Psychologist)**

- Anything that detracts from your focus will damage your ability to play the shot
- The smaller the target you have, the better your brain and body can function in trying to get the ball there.

#### **Colin Montgomerie**

- One key to avoiding a high score is never to follow a bad shot with a bad decision.

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### **And finally!**

If you wish to have an article included in a newsletter please send it to the Secretary.

Please advise the Secretary of your email address if you've not done so already-helps to keep our costs down!

Have a great golfing season!!

**Alan Haines, Secretary**

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**BRITISH LEFT HANDED GOLFERS ASSOCIATION**  
**2007 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**AT MARRIOTT St PIERRE GOLF CLUB CHEPSTOW**  
**ON JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2007**  
**ENTRY FORM**

Surname\_\_\_\_\_ First Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

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Post Code/Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_ Tel . No.\_\_\_\_\_

Golf Club\_\_\_\_\_ Handicap\_\_\_\_\_

Non Golfing Partner Surname\_\_\_\_\_ First Name\_\_\_\_\_

Cost \*Member of BLHGA £135.00\* Non Member £155.00

Non Golfer £90.00 Single room Supp. £35.00

\*(Rate includes Dinner Bed & Breakfast and two rounds of golf on the  
OLD COURSE for two people sharing)

This is the only package available.

Additional nights are available, Prices on application.

Please indicate status (member, non-member, golfer, non-golfer.)

A deposit of £25.00 is required with your entry form and the remainder of  
Money is due by 30th April 2007.

Cheques payable to B.L.H.G.A.

No refunds can be made for cancellations after 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007

The best gross over 36 holes for Bob Charles Trophy

The best net score over 36 holes for Malcolmson Trophy

Gross and Net prizes each day. A competitor may only win one prize.

Please return entry form to

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### ***2007 Four Ball Better Ball Knockout***

#### ***ENTRY FORM***

*Name:..... Handicap.....*

*Name.....Handicap.....*

*Correspondence Address.....*

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*.....Post Code.....*

*Email address.....*

- *Open to BLHGA members only*
- *The Secretary will advise “home players” and they will be responsible for contacting the opposing team.*
- *$\frac{3}{4}$  handicap allowance against the lowest handicapped player. “Away” team has choice of tees where applicable.*
- *Cost of green fees should be equally split between all 4 players.*
- *R & A rules of golf will apply in all circumstances.*
- *Games must be played by deadline given by Secretary. No delays acceptable. Any difficulty regarding arrangements should be advised to the Secretary immediately, who will then make a final decision.*
- *Results to be emailed to Secretary ASAP [leftiegolfers@aol.com](mailto:leftiegolfers@aol.com)*
- *Entry fee is £7.50 per team – cheques payable to “BLHGA”*

*Please return completed entry forms to:*

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