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From the 2015 Captain: Chris Birch



Welcome to BLHGA, 2015. It is my pleasure and privilege to be your Captain this year. I have been a member since 1985, so that makes 30 years and I wonder where the time has gone. As ever, Alan has put together a fantastic fixture list for us, combining both old and new venues, spread across England. Like all Associations, and in fact, golf in general, the past ten years have not been easy. The golfing demographic is ageing, with fewer players; there are many competing activities for our time; if working, we have to work harder and longer hours (and for longer!), and if retired, fixed incomes and low investment returns mean less disposable income. Despite all of this, the BLHGA has survived, and in some measures, thrived. Many others have not. We are well run, focussed on delivering value to our members. I wonder if this year, we can further build upon this. Here is my challenge to you all!

Firstly, could each active member introduce one new left-hander, who I am sure will rapidly become enthused with us, and enjoy the fun and camaraderie that we have. Secondly, could existing members who have perhaps not joined us for a while, come along to at least one event – we would love to see you again. If we can achieve this, we will rapidly become a large and vibrant Association with a long and prosperous future to look ahead to. A belated Happy New Year to all members and families of BLHGA

From the 2015/16 President: David Abbey



As I sit here looking out of the window at a snow covered garden wondering when the next game of golf will be possible I turn my thoughts back over the years I have enjoyed as a member of the lefties and the many friends I have made along the way, some no longer with us but still remembered with great fondness.

That's the great thing about golf but especially the BLHGA no matter who you are, where you come from or what you do, all are made welcome and good lasting friendships are made, so in these testing times let's all try and recruit new members and bring guests along too.

When I went along to my first meeting of the Lefties way back in 1991 I never thought or expected to become an officer of the Society but I must say to be Captain in 2010 and now your President for the next 2 years is a great honour and I'm very proud to serve in any way I can.

I look forward to meeting and playing golf with as many as possible through the season starting at Longcliffe but I especially look forward to welcome as many as possible to Bedale better known as the "Gateway to the Dales" for Presidents Day on August 10th.
Good golfing in 2015.

2014 Captain: Sean Shiels

Even though we were all suffering some effect from the U.K.'s financial recession I am very grateful to you all for your support for our Association. I am also personally grateful to all who were able to attend my Captain's day at Breadsall Priory.

Breadsall Priory's Captain, Chris Davison who joined us for that day was so impressed with both the organisation and camaraderie he is going to attend some of our fixtures this year as a guest. For all who may be wondering if my back has recovered to the point where I will be able to play enjoyable golf, I can report that I have been treated by an exceptional physiotherapist and feel almost five years younger!

Finally I was lucky to precede a great succession of previous Captains and we now have a great 2015 Captain in Chris Birch so I'm really looking forward to meeting you all in my year as immediate pasty! Happy 2015 Golf.

2013/14 President: Harold Adkin

It has been an absolute pleasure being your President for the last two years.

This is one of the best run golf societies in the country and this is due to the continued hard work of the Committee.

Thank you all for your support and my good wishes now go to David Abbey, our new BLHGA President for the next two years.

Congratulations to Tony Broadhurst!

Deputy President - Derbyshire Union of Golf Clubs

It is June 6th 1971 since I first joined Ashbourne Golf Club and fell in love with the game, not content just to play I quickly got a handicap and started playing competitive golf, and winning the odd shilling. Over the last 10 years I have served on the executive of the Derbyshire Union of Golf Clubs representing Ashbourne, this has given me an insight into Golf administration at County level and what the counties do to promote golf especially for the juniors. In the middle of last year I had a call from the President of the Derbyshire U.G.C. I was asking if I would like to become Deputy President of the Committee for 2016, going on to my 44th year as a member. I have served the club in some way for at least 25 of those years. I was fortunate to be elected Captain in 1985, President 2009 and am currently Match and Handicap Secretary, (that's why my handicap keeps going up). I will be involved in all aspects of the Union helping to run the Competitions, and being in attendance at County matches initially with the 2nd team, (who won the Midland league in 2014).

I will also be involved with the Midland Golf Union if and when I become President representing Derbyshire. I am sure this new honour will not prevent me from attending most of the Left handed Golf days.

I have been a members of B. L.H.G.A. since 1988 when I was introduced by Harry Hubert, my first meeting was at Rotherham where I was introduced to that Left handed legend Stan Quinn, (I won a prize on my first day). Some of the most enjoyable golf and company is with the left handers, it would be good to see more of our members enjoying the golf and company than in the last few years.

Hope to see you all during the coming season. I have a few Cups to polish for you all to try and win!!.

Tony Broadhurst

David Stott

It is with deep regret to advise members of the death of David in August last year. David lost his very long battle against cancer.

He was always positive and wore a smile. David played at Woodhall Spa with us in May and we all enjoyed his company. We did chat for a long time about his illness (you never had a quick chat with David!) and even in May he was hopeful he would overcome this awful disease.

On behalf of the Association I passed on our condolences to his son Ben and the Stott family. I am grateful to Harold Adkin, John Loynton, Barry Packwood and other members who attended David's funeral and represented the BLHGA. The Association made a donation of £100 to MacMillan Cancer Relief.

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## *A Review of 2014*

Our year started at **Stratford upon Avon** in April. A venue we have been to many times and always looked after very well. It's a good course to play early season being dry and our visit was no exception. Lovely weather was enjoyed by 26 members and guests. It was good that Barry Packwood could join us and help run the event.

1. Tony Broadhurst
2. Pete Wootton
3. Jim Mone

The next fixture in April was our annual visit to **Portpatrick**. The date clashed with Easter, which reduced the number attending. However 30 Members and guests enjoyed good golf, mixed weather but a very very warm Dunskey welcome. As I write this newsletter it is very good to see that over 40 are coming to Portpatrick this year!

On Tuesday we visited Glenluce and had a 4 ball better ball competition. Wednesday we played Dunskey and held an individual Stableford competition. Thursday was an AM-AM whilst we held a separate medal for both Members and guests. The medal is the main event of the meeting for members and the result was:

1. Frank McCabe
2. Tony Broadhurst
3. Steve Funnell

In May we went to the National Golf Centre (Home of English Golf) at **Woodhall Spa** to play the Hotchkin course.

The course is rated in the top 50 inland courses in England and was in magnificent condition. Those who did not play well (including my 5 yard drive on the 1<sup>st</sup>!) could not blame the glorious weather enjoyed by everyone. 40 players attended, many alarmed at the steepness of the bunkers. It was a good job ladders had been laid when the bunkers were constructed. The prizewinners really earned it on this course.

1. Roger Wright
2. Stuart Marriott
3. Doug Briscoe

**National Championships – Greetham Valley** – Over two perfect golfing days last June, the BLHGA held their National Championships at Greetham Valley's golf centre just north of Rutland Water. With two fine courses posing some serious challenges, the participants first tackled the par 72 Lakes course (over 6,700 yds), following this the next day by playing the shorter (par 68), but very picturesque, Valley course. Plenty of tricky water hazards, a number of hills, but wide fairways and true greens, made the courses most enjoyable and gave the better players opportunities to score well whilst appreciating the wonderful views and scenery. Unsurprisingly, playing off a handicap of 2, the Bob Charles Trophy (lowest gross score) was won by **Stuart Marriott** who played some superb golf. That serial winner, **Tony Broadhurst**, again showed his consistency by carding the best net scores over the two days in winning the Malcomson Trophy.

Our Captain's Day was held at **Breadsall Priory** in August. Sean Shiels enjoyed tremendous support for his day with 39 members and guests playing. We enjoyed the morning 9 holes on the Priory course whilst the main competition in the afternoon was held on the Moorland course. Whilst the weather was "iffy" and grey the majority of players enjoyed a dry round. The secretary's habit of going out last may be reviewed in 2015 as he and his guests were rather drowned by a savage downpour resulting in missing the last 3 holes!

1. Tony Broadhurst
2. Ron Walker
3. Lionel Chamberlain.

September saw us return to our "home" course of **Rotherham Golf Club** to celebrate our President's Day with Harold Adkin. To my knowledge we've been going since the late 60's and we'll soon be enjoying our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of fixtures at this very enjoyable course.

A great turnout of 42 members and guests shows what a popular fixture this is and it was good that Harold could enjoy a lovely day with his many friends. Rumour has it that he actually opened his wallet but our Chairman has advised that it was a mirage! Harold has enjoyed 2 very good years as President and our thanks go to him for his support and generosity.

1. Tony Broadhurst
2. Lionel Chamberlain
3. Ron Walker

The last fixture of the season was at **Ashbourne Golf Club**, home to the dynamic duo of McCabe and Broadhurst! 30 members and guests played in rainy conditions but the warm welcome we always receive at Ashbourne ensured everyone had a good day. Ashbourne was in very good condition but a local lad won!

1. Frank McCabe
2. Ron Walker

### 3. Roy Hinsley

#### *2014 World Championships – Cape Town South Africa*

It was quite a miserable Thursday afternoon in October weather wise as Tony Broadhurst and myself made our way to Heathrow Airport, safely delivered by Tony's son in law, en route to the above competition. Having had a very enjoyable overnight flight with British Airways we arrived suitably refreshed in no small part due to the sampling of the rather nice South African MERLOT (which one must) to a really beautiful sunny day in Cape Town. We were taken to our hotel and one could not help but enjoy the scenery around the "POOL" of British Airways, Virgin and Emirates air hostesses as well as an ever increasing number of LEFTIE GOLFERS from all corners of the globe.

It had been arranged that Tony and myself would assist in the administration of the cards etc. Peter Read (WALG Secretary) said it would only take an hour or so, so this really would be a piece of cake compared to DUNDEE. However one shouldn't believe everything you are told so we made a start on Saturday midmorning and got everything sorted out to an acceptable working arrangement exactly 6 hours later. We both were rather surprised by the difference in final numbers with our tournament in DUNDEE (280 players) with just 101 LEFTIE GOLFERS in total taking part. With such a small number it was certain that with 14 golfers from the UNITED KINGDOM taking part there would be prizes galore coming back to these shores.

It was my intention to congratulate and enjoy a large red with each such winner at the Prize Presentation but unfortunately I had no takers. How disappointing. It is strange to relate that out of the 18 super seniors playing, 7 were members of our organisation. Despite the lack of winners to mention, the week was a great success with 4 very good golf courses to play with plenty of sunshine to enjoy and quite a few of our members getting good additions to their suntan. I understand one member even managed to "SKINNY DIP" around the beach at MINLETON, he told me he went unnoticed apart from the twenty cameras!

It was early starts each morning up at six, breakfast at six thirty and ready for the coaches at seven thirty and first tee off eight thirty. It is easy to understand why we didn't win. Away from the golf the two functions were of excellent quality with the Prize Presentation being particularly good. **I must mention my award**, I joined a number of our members who have received their ten-tournament attendance honour for which I was delighted. On our non-golfing day we visited at least two wineries where it was mandatory to partake of some very nice samples and one could purchase the delights if it was to your taste. It was.

The members of the B L H G A generally had a really enjoyable get together with quite a number going out at night to the various restaurants etc and could be seen in the company of LEFTIES from many different countries.

That is one of the benefits of these get-togethers at various golfing locations throughout the world. Well as they say all good things must come to an end and Tony and myself and a few others made our weary way back to Heathrow to be met

by Tony's daughter Clare who very kindly met us at some ungodly hour and again as we left were met with some really miserable weather.

I'm certain many of our members will have left Cape Town with happy memories of an excellent golfing experience. I can only speak for Tony and myself that ours was winning six pounds off our past President Harold and his partner Richard on our practice round.

Isn't it sad to reflect that was my golfing highlight! Thank you both.

*Francis C McCabe*

**(Please note the next World Championships are in Japan in 2016)**

## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting 1st September 2014**

### **Rotherham Golf Club**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association held at Rotherham Golf Club on 2nd September 2013, together with the Secretary's Report and Financial Statement were circulated to members prior to the meeting.

**Apologies:** Barry Ingham, John Carter, Richard Parker & Keith Edge

**Matters Arising:** No matters arising. Minutes agreed unanimously

## **2013-2014 Secretary's Report**

### **Meetings**

The number attending meetings is again down compared to last year. Sadly we only had 16 members playing at Olton and I took the decision to cancel the meeting to avoid excessive costs. This was a shame as Olton is a lovely course and we are always looked after very well. I was able to obtain a full refund of our deposit.

The Committee did agree to reduce the number of fixtures in 2014 but this has had little impact on increasing attendances. The Committee met last week to fully discuss declining numbers attending meetings and will be looking over the course of the next 12 months to see how we can market the Association. I am also arranging a Sunday fixture next year in the hope more members will play.

Having said all of that our visit to Rotherham today has produced the best turnout of members for several years!

I have started already to look at fixtures for 2015 and these will be advised to members in January.

### **British Championships**

The Championships this year were held at Greetham Valley. Although this was not particularly well supported, all had a very successful and enjoyable 2 days and our thanks go to John Carter for his organisation of the event.

In 2015 I hope to arrange the Championships at the Belfry. As soon as arrangements have been made I will be writing to members.

Thanks to the Captain Sean, Vice Captain Chris, President Harold, Treasurer Barry and members of the Committee for their hard work this year.

*Alan Haines*

Secretary

31<sup>st</sup> July 2014

### **2013-2014 Treasurer's Report**

It was agreed at last year's AGM that the profit from hosting the World Championships in Dundee would be earmarked and used to subsidise future events in the hope of attracting improved attendances in 2014. It had a worthy aim of returning money to those active in supporting our events. It is questionable if this achieved the purpose expected. You will note that every fixture lost money. This does not represent a major problem as you can see from our accounts that we are financially very stable. Ignoring the reduction in our reserves through subsidising events members will note that our assets only fell by just under £60.00. It is however worth pointing out that the average cost per person, per fixture is about £62/65. This is because we do not attract discounts as usually our party is below 35 players. Our Secretary when arranging fixtures does cost all expenditure prior to making the booking. If there were any chance of the Association making a large, unaffordable loss on any event the fixture would not take place. This "system" has been in operation for many years now and is working as the current financial position illustrates.

Our operating balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> July this year, excluding the reserve is shown below:

| Bank Balance  | 2014     | 2013     |
|---------------|----------|----------|
|               | £        | £        |
| Treasurer     | 7349.51  | 8583.76  |
| Secretary     | 1760.89  | 1391.13  |
| Stock         | 2260.75  | 1453.50  |
| <u>Totals</u> | 11371.15 | 11428.39 |

Members will see from the above figures that our finances, unlike many golfing associations are in a very good position to move our Association forward.

Barry Ingham

Treasurer

31<sup>st</sup> July 2014

**BLHGA Accounts as at 31st July  
2014**

|                       | <u>Income</u> |                | <u>Expenditure</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Opening bank balances |               |                |                    |
| <u>Treasurer</u>      |               |                |                    |
| Bank                  | £<br>8,583.76 |                |                    |
| Reserve               | £<br>6,205.00 | £<br>14,788.76 |                    |
|                       |               | £<br>1,391.13  |                    |
| <u>Secretary</u>      |               |                |                    |
| <u>Opening Stock</u>  |               |                |                    |
| Raffle                | £<br>279.00   |                |                    |
| Prizes                | £<br>868.50   |                |                    |
| Balls                 | £<br>306.00   | £<br>1,453.50  |                    |
|                       |               | £<br>17,633.39 |                    |
| <u>Assets</u>         |               |                |                    |

|                                    |               |               |             |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Subscriptions                      | £<br>1,287.50 |               |             |
| Merchandise                        | £<br>547.50   |               |             |
| Treasurer                          |               | £<br>100.00   |             |
| Postage                            |               | £<br>85.10    |             |
| Printing                           |               | £<br>130.00   |             |
| Merchandise case                   |               | £<br>30.00    |             |
| WALG Fees                          |               | £<br>18.00    |             |
| Subs                               | £<br>12.50    |               |             |
| Portpatrick                        | £<br>44.19    |               |             |
| Stationary                         |               | £<br>36.58    |             |
| Telephones                         |               | £<br>30.00    |             |
| Committee                          |               | £<br>100.00   |             |
| <b><u>Subsidies</u></b>            |               | £<br>2,915.00 |             |
| <b><u>Losses</u></b>               |               | £<br>1,119.25 |             |
| <b><u>Pre paid deposits</u></b>    |               |               |             |
| Breadsall Priory                   |               | £<br>200.00   |             |
| Rotherham                          |               | £<br>100.00   | £<br>300.00 |
| <b><u>Closing bank balance</u></b> |               |               |             |
| Treasurer                          |               |               |             |
| Bank                               | £<br>7,349.51 |               |             |

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Reserve              | £<br>3,290.00                           | £<br>10,639.51                          |
| Secretary            |                                         | £<br>1,760.89                           |
| <u>Closing Stock</u> |                                         |                                         |
| Prizes               | £<br>1,637.25                           |                                         |
| Balls                | £<br>390.00                             |                                         |
| Raffle prizes        | £<br>233.50                             | £<br>2,260.75                           |
| <u>Assets</u>        |                                         | £<br>14,661.15                          |
|                      | <u>£</u><br><u>19,525.0</u><br><u>8</u> | <u>£</u><br><u>19,525.0</u><br><u>8</u> |

### Election of Officers

**Captain: Chris Birch** - proposed by Alan Haines and seconded by Sean Shiels.

**Vice Captain: Mike May**- proposed by Chris Birch and seconded by Alan Haines

All the current officers re-elected on bloc - Proposed by Stan Quinn and seconded by Sean Shiels.

Chairman welcomed Stan Quinn (Life member) to the meeting. He also passed a message of good wished from Tom Hayes. The Chairman thanked Sean Shiels (Captain) and Harold Adkin (President) for their hard work during their year.

Chairman also thanked Committee, Treasurer and Secretary for their hard work during year.

### AOB

No matters raised

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A few smiles!

A doctor in Dublin wanted to get off work and go golfing, so he approached his assistant.

'Murphy, I am going golfing tomorrow and don't want to close the clinic so I want you

to take care of the clinic and take care of all me patients'.
 'Yes, sir!' answers Murphy.
 The doctor goes golfing and returns the following day and asks:
 'So, Murphy, how was your day?'
 Murphy told him that he took care of three patients.
 'The first one had a headache so he did, so I gave him Paracetamol.'
 'Bravo Murphy lad, and the second one?' asks the doctor.
 'The second one had indigestion and I gave him Gaviscon, so I did sir' says Murphy.
 'Bravo, bravo! You're good at this and what about the third one?' asks the doctor.
 'Sir, I was sitting here and suddenly the door flies open and a young gorgeous woman
 borsts in so she does. Like bolt outta the blue, she tears off her clothes, taking off
 everyting including her bra and her panties and lies down on the table, spreading her
 legs and shouts: 'HELP ME for the love of St Patrick! For five years I have not seen
 any man!'"
 'Tunderin' lard Murphy, what did you do?' asks the doctor.
 'I put drops in her eyes!

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### **My New Book**

As you will all have guessed my sporting prowess also covers things such as golf and  
 as such I have written a book and am quite proud of the results, in order to market the  
 publication, I'm asking friends and family to spread the news about this essential read.  
 This book on golf gives the reader valuable playing tips and insider information that I  
 have gained through my many years of experience.

Highlights include:

- Chapter 1) How to properly line up your fourth putt
- Chapter 2) How to hit a Maxfli ball from the rough when you hit a Titleist from the  
tee
- Chapter 3) How to Get More Distance off the Shank
- Chapter 4) When to Give the Greenskeeper the Finger
- Chapter 5) Proper Excuses for Drinking Beer Before 9:00 a.m.
- Chapter 6) How to Find That Ball That Everyone Else Saw Go in the Water
- Chapter 7) How to Relax When You Are Hitting Three off the Tee
- Chapter 8) How to Relax When You Are Hitting Five off the Tee
- Chapter 9) When to Suggest Major Swing Corrections to Your Opponent
- Chapter 10) How to Help Your Opponent Find His Ball When You Are Standing on it

The book also includes some golf terminology

- A Paris Hilton – an expensive hole
- A Dennis Wise – a very very nasty little 5 footer
- A Salmon Rushdie – an impossible read
- A Rock Hudson – thought it was straight but it wasn't
- A Cuban – needs one more revolution
- An Elton John – a big bender that lips the rim
- A Kate Moss – a little thin

- A Gerry Adams – play a provisional
- A Rodney King – over clubbed
- An O J Simpson – got away with it
- A Princess Grace – should have taken a driver
- A Princess Di – shouldn't have taken a driver
- A condom – safe but didn't feel real good
- A sister-in-law – up there but I know I shouldn't be.



A Husband takes his wife to play her first game of golf. Of course, the wife promptly hacked her first shot right through the window of the biggest house adjacent to the course. The husband cringed, 'I warned you to be careful! Now we'll have to go up there, find the owner, apologize and see how much your lousy drive is going to cost us.' So the couple walked up to the house and knocked on the door. A warm voice said, 'Come on in.'

When they opened the door they saw the damage that was done: glass was all over the place, and a broken antique bottle was lying on its side near the pieces of window glass.

A man reclining on the couch asked, 'Are you the people that broke my window?'

'Uh...yeah! , Sir. We're sure sorry about that,' the husband replied.

'Oh, no apology is necessary. Actually I want to thank you. You see, I'm a genie, and I've been trapped in that bottle for a thousand years. Now that you've released me, I'm allowed to grant three wishes. I'll give you each one wish, but if you don't mind, I'll keep the last one for myself.'

Wow, that's great!' the husband said. He pondered a moment and blurted out, 'I'd like a million dollars a year for the rest of my life.'

'No problem,' said the genie 'You've got it, it's the least I can do. And I'll guarantee you a long, healthy life!'

'And now you, young lady, what do you want?' the genie asked.

'I'd like to own a gorgeous home in every country in the world complete with servants,' she said. 'Consider it done,' the genie said. 'And your homes will always be safe from fire, burglary and natural disasters!'

'And now,' the couple asked in unison, 'what's your wish, genie?'

'Well, since I've been trapped in that bottle, and haven't been with a woman in more than a thousand years, my wish is to have sex with your wife.'

The husband looked at his wife and said, 'Gee, honey, you know we both now have a fortune, and all those houses. What do you think?'

She mulled it over for a few moments and said, 'You know, you're right. Considering our good fortune, I guess I wouldn't mind, but what about you, honey?'

You know I love you sweetheart,' said the husband. I'd do the same for you!'

So the genie and the woman went upstairs where they spent the rest of the afternoon enjoying each other.

The genie was insatiable. After about three hours of non-stop sex, the genie rolled over and looked directly into her eyes and asked, How old are you and your husband?'

'Why, we're both 35,' she responded breathlessly.

'No Kidding,' he said.

'Thirty-five years old and you both still believe in genies?'

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It was hard getting over my addiction to do the Hokey Cokey. But I've turned myself around and that's what it's all about.

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A father, son and grandson went to the golf course for a game of golf. Just as they reached the first tee, a beautiful young blonde woman approached them with her clubs and asked if she could join them, naturally they agreed.

Smiling the blonde thanked them and said:" Look guys I work in a topless bar as a dancer, so nothing shocks me anymore, if you want to smoke, have a beer, tell off colour stories, or do anything that you normally do on a round of golf, go ahead. But I enjoy playing golf, and consider myself pretty good at it, so don't try to coach me on how to play my shots"

The guys agree to relax, and invite her to play first; all eyes were focussed on her shapely bottom as she bent to place her ball on the tee. She then smashed a drive 280 yards down the fairway, the father said, " That was a great drive", the blonde put her driver away and replied " It was o.k. but I didn't get it right out the middle." When they got to her ball, she took out an 8 iron, and put it 3 feet from the pin, the son said, " that was a perfect shot."

The blonde replied, " It was o.k. But I should have got closer to the pin." She then holed the putt for a birdie.

She then proceeded to play the rest of the round to the same standard, holing out for par & birdie all the way round.

When she reached the 18th green, she was 3 under par, and had a very nasty 5 footer (a Denis Wise!) - downhill right to left putt. She turned to the guys and said " I would like to thank you all for behaving so well on the way round, but I need this putt for a 69, and as I have never broken 70 before I would like your assistance in reading the putt, so if anyone can tell me how to make this putt, I will take them back to my apartment, cook them a nice dinner, have a nice bottle of wine, and show them a very good time the rest of the night."

The yuppie grandson jumped at the opportunity, and after studying the line, said, " It needs a firm strike, aim 4 inches outside the hole and you will make it."

The father then studied the line, and said, " No it needs a break of 6 inches outside the hole hit it softly, and it will run down into the hole."

The grey haired grandfather walked over and picked up the ball saying " Its a gimme sweetheart, your car or mine"

**OLD AGE AND TREACHERY WILL OVERCOME SKILL AND YOUTHFUL VITALITY EVERYTIME.**

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### ***Dear Problem Page***

I've never written to you before, but I really need your advice. I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs..... phone rings but if I answer, the caller hangs up. My wife has been going out with the girls a lot recently although when I ask their names she always says, "Just some friends from work, you don't know them."

I always try to stay awake to look out for her coming home, but I usually fall asleep. Anyway, I have never approached the subject with my wife. I think deep down I just didn't want to know the truth, but last night she went out again and I decided to really check on her.

Around midnight, I decided to hide in the garage behind my golf clubs so I could get a good view of the whole street when she arrived home from a night out with "the girls".

It was at that moment, crouching behind my clubs, that I noticed that the graphite shaft on my driver appeared to have a hairline crack right by the club head. Is this something I can fix myself or should I take it back to the pro shop where I bought it?

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2015 Season

National Championships

Members have already been given details regarding the Championships being held at the Belfry on 12th & 13th July. Numbers have been slow coming in and if you intend going please forward your entry form to the Secretary as soon as possible, together with the deposit of £50.00. If more information is required please contact the Secretary. Please note that right-handed guests are invited to play in their own competition.

Burghley Park G C 15TH May.

Due to a private function booking by the golf club, we will not be having an evening meal after golf. Prize giving will take place immediately after the last group have come in and signed their scorecards. A more substantial lunch of ham, egg and chips has been arranged.

Cost of the day is £40.00

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## ***BLHGA Website***

Chris Birch has done a great job with our website: [www.leftiesgolf.org.uk](http://www.leftiesgolf.org.uk)

All our forthcoming events are on the site and Chris will add those in the winners' circle as the season progresses. If you have not already logged on as a member, please inform the Secretary who will log you on the system and advise you of your

password. We are wanting to build up the site, so if you have clubs for sale etc. please advise the Secretary who will be happy to arrange for them to be put on.

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## *Does the Secretary have your email address?*

We can save costs by correspondence from the Secretary being sent by email. If you are happy for this to be done and have not advised Alan, kindly email him at [leftiegolfers@aol.com](mailto:leftiegolfers@aol.com)

Correspondence will include Newsletters, fixture lists and event attendance confirmations.

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## *Plea from the Treasurer*

Members who do not pay their subs by direct debit and have not already paid are reminded to send a cheque to Barry Ingham (Treasurer) for £12.50

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## *Clubs For Sale*

Titleist 910 Fairway wood 17° regular graphite flex (Tour AD YSQ) Adjustable hosel. A scuff mark on crown but generally in good condition. £25.00

Titleist 913 Fairway wood 19° regular graphite flex (Bassara Light ) Adjustable hosel. Very good condition. £45.00

Cleveland 58° (12) CG15 wedge - regular steel shaft £20.00

If interested please contact the Secretary.

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