

# Tee Talk

Special Edition

BCGC Seniors 2025 #7

## Flying High: A New Era for the Club

### Chairman navigates past turbulent times

By Tim Wellock

Up, up and away might not be quite how Geoff Wall had envisaged his chairmanship but he has stood down after overseeing a big rise in fortunes. He is continuing his courageous battle against secondary cancer and takes heart from the club's ascendancy. A recent return to hospital, however, prompted him to hand over the reins to Peter Chadbourn.

"It is with great sadness that I had to resign", said Geoff. "I have been a member for over 20 years and have been honoured to serve on the committee as senior captain, club captain, and chairman. I have also made many valued friends."

There has been quite a turnaround since a letter was sent out late last year asking for ten members to pay five years' fees.

"Membership fell but is recovering and we now have a committee which functions really well," said Geoff. "There is a lot of expertise and enthusiasm, and it all gels really well. We were slightly hamstrung by the constitution forbidding anyone from holding office before they had been a member for three years. That was relaxed to allow Lainey Hunt to become lady captain and she is a great asset. Since then we've been fortunate to have an influx of influential people keen to get involved."

Two of those, treasurer Dave Hurst and commercial director Simon Elliott, have already featured in this newsletter. Along with Peter Chadbourn all are enthusiastic members of the seniors and competition secretary Paul Dobson was among three new recruits one recent Monday. *Continued overleaf...*



# Chairman navigates past turbulent times (cont.)

That was the day we held a minute's silence for our dear, departed friend, Lawrie Swires, for which Captain Sparrow turned up. That's club captain Dave Sparrow, not Jonny Depp. Dave hasn't played with us yet, but has been threatening to do so for several weeks, further underlining the growing popularity of the senior section.

"I think the newsletter is helping to spread enthusiasm in the club as a whole," said Geoff. "People are also encouraged by the hard work of committee members and more are coming forward to help. Seeing the progress makes me more determined to fight this dreadful disease with all my strength and see the benefits to the club." *Tim Wellock*



## Chadders' Chat

This special edition of Teetalk is a tribute to our outgoing Chairperson Geoff Wall. My personal journey with BCGC started with Geoff, who went out of his way to welcome myself and Eleanor to the club. He followed this up by accompanying me for one of my first outings with the Seniors to show me around the course. I think, like a stick of rock, if you cut Geoff in half he'd have BCGC written through him! A true servant of the club.

The Bandit of the Month for April has been tracked down! The notorious club-slinger Tim Wellock has been brought to justice for winning the Ken Thompson trophy and various other high placings in April. He has had the Bounty well and truly placed on his head (see photo).

**Bandit of the month (April)**

We have more friendly matches coming up in May. Please check the team sheets and highlight your name on the sheet to confirm you have read the details and re-confirm your availability. Reserves too, as recently there have been a few withdrawals; I need to know I have alternatives.

I mentioned in the last edition that a Seniors Open is on the horizon. A volunteer sheet has now been posted on the notice board. Please add your name and help if you can. Alternatively if you have anything suitable to donate as a raffle prize please give it to one of the Seniors committee.

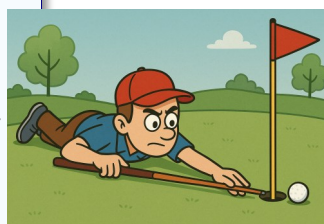
Yours in Golf,

*Chadders*



9/10 times, I'm sure your number of three putts will reduce.

Try this. Practice your distance control by putting to tees placed in the practice green at varying distances (e.g. 10/15/20 paces) and see how close you can get to the tees. Trust your instinct with respect to line and go with your first



thought. The aim is to get within 3-4 feet of the tee at least. Vary your tee target with each putt.

Then practice like mad on 3-4 footers all around a hole by placing, say, 8 balls in a circle. Aim to sink all 8. If you miss one start again with all 8 to putt (pun intended) yourself under a bit of pressure.

*STOP PRESS: Well done Doug "I don't believe it" Bousfield, who beat 46 rivals to win the Tom Errington Rosebowl. His gross (86) was again less than his age (88)!*

**Don't forget to register on BRS before 6pm Sunday for the Monday random draw**

## The Ministry of Silly Golf Swings

No, you won't see John Cleese, bowler hats, or briefcases at the club—but you might see some silly practice swings. LSVT-BIG helps slow the progress of Parkinson's through exaggerated movements. So, if you see me doing a Monty Python on the golf course, don't worry—I'm just following official guidelines. *Steve Myers*



*Next month: the Department of Absurd Bunker Exits.*

