



# Tee Talk BCGC Seniors 2025 #12

## Peter's Pro-Am Prize

Peter Hartley took three seniors to the NE/NW PGA Blairgowrie Pro-Am for a two-day competition and the team came a very respectable second place out of eighteen.

Peter was joined by Phil Hartley, Mike Lee, and Simon Elliott. The course was in very good condition and Blairgowrie Golf Club were excellent hosts. Well done chaps!

## Peter's Premier Persistence

Peter Holliday again turned on the after-burners down the back straight to win the Past Captains' Cup.

Just as in his sprint finish to win last year's Len Kennedy, he amassed 23 points on the back nine to pip Sid Lowes on countback.

With 42 points off the red tees they finished two ahead of a rejuvenated Dick Stevens, playing 18 holes for only the third time since February.

With his captancy of the section dating back to 2000, Sid was the most senior of the 13 contestants. He had 21 points on both nines but felt he blew his victory chance on 17.

Old stagers in the field who we no longer see on Mondays were Jim Bush, Bob Ward, Graham Pan-net and Graydon Parkin.

Graydon has rejoined after a few years at Headlam, where Colin Oates, our captain in 2009, also plays. He enjoyed the convivial gathering in his annual outing with us and scored 36 points.

And then—not his finest hour, but—Peter Holliday bagged his second trophy in a month when he won the Frank Burdiss. Only 11 hardy souls ventured forth for the three-club (plus putter) event on a day when dogs would have turned back at the threshold.

Peter opted for his driver to keep the ball below the wind. It proved a shrewd move, even though his attempts to use it off deck usually resulted in the ball scuttling along the ground. His 29 points left him one ahead of Tony Mawer. *Story by Tim Wellock*



## Chadder's Chat

I've only been allowed a shortish Chat this month as Ed has "plenty of material this month". Thanks to all contributors for bailing me out!

The friendly season has now been completed. The last four games being a 5-3 win away at Richmond then unfortunately three defeats on the trot 3.5-2.5 at home to Brancepeth, 4.5-3.5 away at Catterick and finally a closing 4-3 loss at home to Darlington. Despite the results all who took part had a great time. Overall though it has been a good season. We played 18 games won 12, drew 1 and lost 5. I used a total of 43 players and my thanks go to each and everyone of them. It has been an honour to lead a fine team of players who have ably demonstrated the best facets of Barnard Castle Golf Club.

It was a surprise and delight that the Seniors section were the first winners of the 200 Club draw. The winnings will certainly help in subsidising the upcoming Christmas Bash and other events. If you haven't bought a ticket, there are numbers still available. Everyone has a better chance of winning this than the Lottery!!

Yours in Golf, *Chadders*



## President's Past Captains' Plate

*By Peter Holliday!*

Saturday 27th September saw the annual Club 'Past Captains' play their annual Stableford competition—played off the men's Red index and tees.

Due to holidays, numbers were down to 5 players. *Continued overleaf*



# My golfing icons #1—Bernhard Langer

By David Hammond

Bernhard Langer was born in Bavaria, Germany in 1957. His professional career spans over 50 years and he's still playing on the Senior Tour today. Despite his enviable record of 125 professional wins, including 2 Masters, why is he a golfing icon to me and how did he influence me?

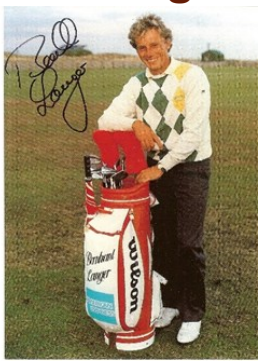
Well it's down to his American wife Vikki Carol and a packet of Polo mints. In 1985, I visited the British Open at Royal St. Georges Golf Club in Sandwich, Kent with my friend Geoff. After watching John Daly hitting balls diagonally across the practice ground, we set off in pursuit of Bernhard. I was struck by his Teutonic appearance and clam workman like approach to the game. He had a beautiful swing and a red and white Wilson bag.

We were following a rather attractive blonde lady, like you do, she seemed engrossed. As we came to the 6<sup>th</sup> green we stopped next to this lady. I got my packet of Polos out and offered one to Geoff. Instinctively I offered one to the lady, who took one with a thank-you. We started chatting and we discovered it was Vikki, Bernhard's wife. We walked the rest of the course with her, she was very charming. Bernhard finished joint third that year having a really good run at the title but was pipped by Sandy Lyle.

Of course there was the "Langer up the tree" moment in the 1981 Benson & Hedges International Open at Fulford Golf Club in York, where he climbed up an ash tree on the 17<sup>th</sup> and played his shot out of the tree onto the green avoiding a penalty shot. This is immortalized on the Club's scorecard and in the locker room.

Oh and he's also famous for the "Langer Yips", a loss of fine motor control causing involuntary twitches or flinches during the putting stroke, we all get those don't we. He overcame the Yips to recover his game and up to 2021 his PGA prize money was \$42M.

A brilliant golfer. Much adored and copied. And me, not adored but he started my love affair with all things Wilson. *Golfing Icon #2 will be in the next TeeTalk.*



Wilson Bernhard Langer

# The President's Trophy

Rennie Wood, our club captain 20 years ago, used his course knowledge to win three prizes in our President's Trophy.

Playing off seven, he took the individual prize with 41 points, won nearest the pin on the eighth and led Headlam Hall to the team prize.

With only two points separating the top three, Headlam retained the trophy on countback from Carus Green with Richmond third.

Headlam also had the second individual in Robert Carr, two behind Rennie, who is also a member of Slaley Hall. He was presented with a litre of whisky, a bottle of red wine, plus the sleeve of balls and whisky miniature which went to all the winning team.



With the lowest of the eight scores discounted, Headlam and Carus totalled 229 points.

Our president, Sid Lowes, presented his trophy and thanked all 11 teams for attending on what

proved a very successful day. He also thanked the greenstaff for presenting the course in excellent condition and Jack and his staff for the well-received buffet.

## Past Captains' Plate *(continued from front page)*

Club President, Sid Lowes, ran out winner with a fantastic 45 points. His round included, 10 pars and 1 birdie.

He had scores of 40 going over the front 9 and 40 over the back 9 for a gross score of 80. Well under his age.

### Letter to the Editor:

Since joining BCGC (when Geoff Wall was Senior Captain) I have witnessed an increased sense of "togetherness". I.e., we all get on, not just for the golf but socially!

**Dave Wright**

### Rule reminders:

**Improving conditions (8.1):** Bending branches with your stance is a General Penalty (two strokes). If you can't swing without moving them, declare it unplayable (costing one stroke). If a partner holds branches aside, you both get penalised.

### Ball lost in a penalty area (17.1d):

You must be *certain* the ball went into a beck to take penalty relief (drop within two club lengths, back-on-line, or replay with one stroke). If not certain, it's stroke-and-distance to where you last played. If unsure, to save time, play a provisional.

