



The 14th Bad Etiquette Classic in brief

The Facts

Date

21st–24th July 2007

Location

The North West

Intro

No time this year for anything fancy, so welcome to the first edition of the “Bad Etiquette Classic... in brief”. All the news, all the action but without the rambling. Nothing fancy, nothing funny (was there ever?), short, sharp and to the point ... a short game version of the BEC write up in place of the usual wayward long game.



Day 1 - Saturday 21st July

🕒 David L arrives at Royal Lytham and St Annes GC at 13.55 for a 14.00 tee-off

☁️ Light rain falls for much of the front 9 ...

☀️ ... but the back 9 is largely dry

✈️ 7 Red Arrows fly overhead whilst on the 7th green

TM Pete takes 10 bunker shots at the 9th ...

☹️ ... but he and Julian beat Mark & Dave G 3&2

😊 Andy & Tim recover from 6 down after 9 ...

☹️ ... but still lose 3&2 to David L & Richard

♣️ Jacket & tie are required for dinner in the club dining-room

🏆 A 2003 BEC golf ball is generously donated to Royal Lytham and placed alongside Bobby Jones’ 1926 mashie-iron and Bobby Locke’s plus-fours and white cap

🔴 Snooker is played for the first time on the BEC, and if we thought our golf was bad then our snooker is even worse

😊 Julian beats Pete J on table 1 whilst Mark beats Tim & David L in a 3-way snooker singles match-play

Š Sergio Garcia leads the Open



Rookies on the Tour

Tim Howell

Accommodation

The Dormy House, Royal Lytham and the Scarisbrick Hotel

Courses

Royal Lytham & St Annes ³⁶

Hillside ³⁶

Southport & Ainsdale

Day 2 - Sunday 22nd July

② A second round at Royal Lytham

☹️ Andy’s monster drive at the 6th is one inch off the fairway and he plays the wrong ball at the 11th

😊 ... but he and Pete beat Julian & Tim 2&1

☠️ Richard runs 2 miles back to the clubhouse from the 6th for a good crap after which his golf improves noticeably

😊 Mark hits a sensational 7 iron over the flag to 10ft at the 18th and eagerly awaits birdie net eagle ...

☹️ ... but Dave G thins his approach through the green hitting Mark’s trolley for a tactical 2-shot penalty

☐ Participants watch The Open on the box; Harrington plays quality BEC golf down the 18th to blow his lead and take it to extra holes with Garcia

🔴 Richard leads the BEC on £20 with Dave G in second place on £15 ... is this the shape of things to come?



Day 4 - Tuesday 24th July

Day 3 - Monday 23rd July



↪ 36 holes around Hillside GC

☎ Despite Julian's six lost balls in consecutive shots and Richard's excessive mobile phone usage on the back 9, they overcome Dave G & Tim 4&2

1/2 Fantastic match; Mark & Andy begin strongly but can't shake off Pete J & David L who steal the lead at the 15th ... the match is halved

✂ David L's 86 gross earns him a one shot handicap cut



🕒 A very leisurely 10.32 tee-off time at Southport & Ainsdale GC sees us reading the papers, drinking coffee and hitting putts for an hour

☹ Match 5A - Julian & Andy thrash Richard & Tim 7&5 assisted in no small way by Julian's bunker shot to 6" for gross sandy par at the 13th

🌀 Match 5B - Mark apologises to the ladies behind for the slow play and they suggest that he "picks up his purse" which leads to more delays as we search in vain for the missing money ...

↓ ... neither Mark, Peter nor the 2 Dave's are up to the challenge and going down 4&3 David L threatens to give the 15th BEC a miss!



👛 Julian's final round haul of £25 (thanks to 3NB's and an NE) earns him his 3rd Bad Etiquette Classic title with winnings of £46 well clear of Richard in 2nd place on £19

☺ Andy finishes 3rd, Pete J 4th and Mark (with final round winnings of £19) salvages 5th place

☺ Richard wins the Scarisbrick trophy on count back

Records set at the 14th BEC

- First revisited accommodation - Scarisbrick Hotel
- First game of snooker and highest ever break - 8

W Julian & David L win a ding dong battle 1up against Pete J & Richard

🌟 Tim brilliantly saves the front 9 at the 8th with a 5-iron to 8ft and birdie NE causing Andy & Dave G to self-destruct and lose 2&1 to Mark & Tim

💰 Julian leads the BEC at the end of day 3 on £25 with Richard in second place on £22

RESULTS

GOLF

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING

(Gbr and Irl unless otherwise stated, four to qualify from each course, all par 72)
Hillside qualifiers: 140 Jamie Elson 67 73, 143 Chris Wood 71 72, Rohan Blizard (Aus) 71 72, Jean van de Velde (Fra) 70 73
Non-qualifiers: 144 Craig Goodfellow 71 73, John Wade (Aus) 72 72, 192 Julian Malton 101 91, 197 Richard Reeves 101 96, 203 David Grimbley 104 99
Southport and Ainsdale qualifiers: 141 Tom Sherreard 72 69, Jon Bevan 70 71, 143 Jamie Howarth 70 73, Gary Boyd 71 72
Non-qualifiers: 144 Sven Struver (Ger) 73 71, Scott Arnold (Aus) 66 78, 190 Andrew Slamin 95 95, 196 David Law 98 98, 204 Tim Howell 102, 102