

# The 15th Bad Etiquette Classic



With 405 days having passed since the final round of the 15th Bad Etiquette Classic and the event not exactly fresh in the memory, I'll have you know that preparation of this year's write-up (or rather, last year's) has required unprecedented skills of historical research. Where did we go? Where did we stay? What courses did we play? What were they like? Who played? Were they any good? Who won? By what means? And by how much? Only through a painstaking review of dog-eared scorecards, course planners, photographs, hotel bills, mobile phone records and the backs of many beer mats has the 15th chapter of the Bad Etiquette Classic been written.

Let's answer a few of those

questions right away. This year the world's golfing elite headed to Birkdale ... while we headed to St Andrews and the marvellous golf courses of Fife; Lundin, Balcomie Links, the truly magnificent Kingsbarns and lastly Ladybank. To make up our number we were joined this year by rookie Andy Simpson (aka Simpa). Welcome Andy! And who won? Well that would be telling.

Accommodation was provided this year at New Hall, St Andrew's university, adding university digs to the already eclectic list of hotels (who can forget the Anglia Court?), pubs (the Butler Arms), dormy houses (Porthcawl and Royal Lytham) and detention centres (who wishes to remember the Ramada Jarvis?).

New Hall was basic but comfortable and shared with 200 delegates from the World Astrophysics Convention. But were we tempted to exchange the Lundin links for Aleks Scholz' talk on Stellar Spindown from the Orion Nebula Cluster? Or Balcomie Links for Soren Meibom's Young Cool Stars Divided on the Issue of Rotation? Or Quinn Konopacky's Fundamental Properties of Low-Mass Stars and Brown Dwarfs? Or Giles Chabrier's Winds and Chromospheres of Cool-Super-Giants? No, not a bit of it. We had our own stellar collapses (Pete J at Kingsbarns), young cool stars (maybe not ... it was very warm), low-mass stars (Julian looking trim this year), Brown Dwarfs (Dave just back from

## The Courses

**Saturday**

**Lundin**

**Sunday**

**Balcomie Links**

**Monday**

**Kingsbarns<sup>36</sup>**

**Tuesday**

**Ladybank**

Marbella - ouch!) and Super Giants (I was always confident I'd get a mention somewhere).

No, we weren't going to huddle round some make-shift telescope in a darkened room to study stellar constellations, we were out on the glorious Fife links, advancing man's understanding of how small dimpled white spheres react when collided at high velocity with great masses rotated by dense (but brilliant) super stars.

But such exertions are not without their physical risks, and this year we saw without doubt the worst case of Brandled Ghulabs that we've had on the Tour. Not pretty, not pretty at all.

And what a golfing fest it was! Another 245,168 yds covered, another 3,747 random impacts tested and another 720 dimpled chromospheres holed. Yes, the 15th BEC was once again a triumph for man over matter.



'Orrdeal', Kingsbarns' 12<sup>th</sup> hole - 566yds (par5)

Day 1 - Lovin' it at Lundin

**Lethal Slama leads around Lundin Links**

From our correspondent Neil Shaw in the Thorn Tree at the 10<sup>th</sup>

Following early morning heavy rain, Andy Slamin took advantage of sunny afternoon conditions at Lundin recording an impressive round of 73 to lead the Bad Etiquette Classic at the end of the opening day. With little assistance from partner Mark,

Andy secured an emphatic 6&5 win over the opposition (Julian & Pete J) and for good measure added birdies at 16, 17 and 18 to leave the field in no doubt as to his Tea-pot intentions. Slamin leads the Classic on £18 ahead of Simpa who finished on £15 after a fighting 2&1 win with Richard over the two Daves.



**Stat File**

**Participation**

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Participants | 20        |
| Courses      | 55        |
| Rounds       | 601       |
| Holes        | 10,824    |
| Yards        | 3,754,146 |

**Medal**

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| Total par   | 42,729  |
| Total gross | 56,870  |
| Total net   | 45,442  |
| Result      | + 2,713 |

**Gross**

|         |       |
|---------|-------|
| Eagles  | 2     |
| Birdies | 144   |
| Pars    | 1,744 |

**Net**

|           |       |
|-----------|-------|
| Albatross | 1     |
| Eagles    | 183   |
| Birdies   | 1,753 |

**Matches**

|         |     |
|---------|-----|
| 4-balls | 135 |
| 2-balls | 53  |

**Extras**

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Nearest Pins    | 325 |
| Longest Drives  | 357 |
| Furthest Pins   | 291 |
| Shortest Drives | 118 |

**Law fancies Norman for 137th Open Championship**

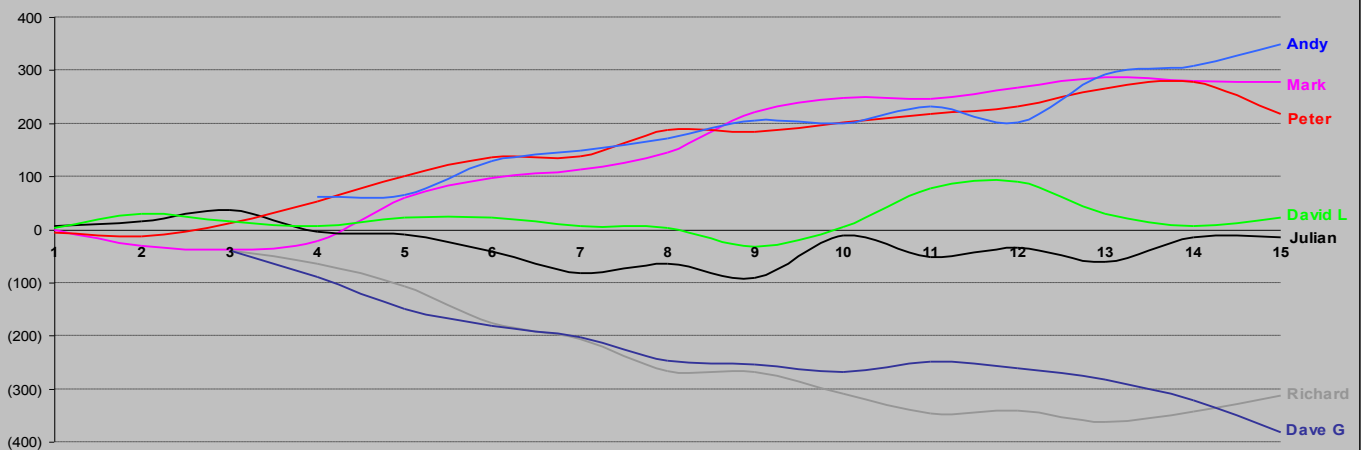
From our stud in the Lundin Golf Club correspondent bar

David Law fancies his chances this year having drawn Greg Norman (leader at Royal

Birkdale after 3 rounds) in the BEC's first ever Open sweepstake. Showing form reminiscent of his golden days, the Great White looks

good for the Claret Jug and £750,000 and David looks good for the £30 first prize in the sweepstake to supplement his 2008 tour earnings.

**BEC Tour Earnings**





*Day 2 - Blowin' at Balcomie*

**Slama beats barmy conditions for birdies at Balcomie**

*From our frail Craig Golfing Society correspondent*

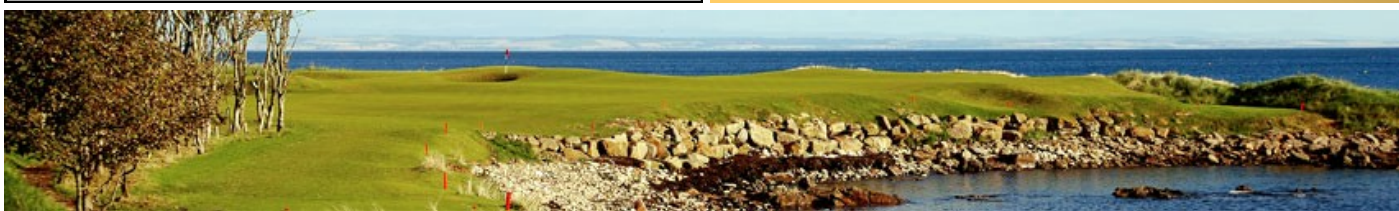
Andy Slamin today extended his lead of the 15th Bad Etiquette Classic with a masterful taming of the wild conditions at Balcomie Links. Unperturbed by fierce winds & maintaining his composure around the opening 6 holes as the rest of the field fell apart, Slamin settled for bogie golf before unleashing 5 birdies

around the turn to bring him home in a remarkable 83 net 70. Nowhere was his talent more evident than at the 525yds 12th where his approach left him a putt of just 6 inches for a birdie 4. Reeves' eagles at 10 & 15, and birdies at 8, 12 & 13, whilst sufficient to retrieve the back 9, were not enough to salvage the match which Slamin & Simpson took comfortably 3&1.

Notice to Players  
**A FOURBALL SHOULD TAKE 3 HOURS 38 MINUTES FOR A ROUND AT BALCOMIE ...**  
**... NOT 4HRS 48MINS AS WAS THE UNFORTUNATE CASE DURING THE 15TH BAD ETIQUETTE CLASSIC**

The first nine holes will take longer to play than the second nine for the following reasons:

- ◆ The first nine holes are 243 yds longer than the second nine
- ◆ There will be a delay at the 3rd and 5th holes when allowing the tees in front to clear
- ◆ There will be a delay at the 7th while Julian slices 2 balls OB
- ◆ Holes 1 to 6 are invariably played into a howling bloody gale
- ◆ The 17th hole is generally quick as tee shots typically end up OB and players can't usually be arsed to hit 3 from the tee



*Day 3 - Majestic Kingsbarns*

**On the 1st Tee** - Quite clearly the starter at Kingsbarns was unused to golfers of BEC standard. *After the first group's opening drives (in a soft but thick Scots accent) ...*

"Aye, noo, I've worked here many a year but it's fair to say I've not seen 4 shots quite like thoose before".

*... and after the second group ...*

"Ochhhh 8 baad ones in a roow that really is unusual".

**Orrdeal** - Was Kingsbarns' 566yds 12th hole (pictured front page) the toughest in BEC history? Scores of 6●6●, 7●●●, 98●8, 988● might suggest that it was; the hole certainly lived up to its name!

**Cliffs** - At the 13th Richard knocked his tee-shot to 10ft and confidently annotated 'NP' on his card only to see Julian knock his tee-shot to 4ft. But Richard had the last laugh holing his putt for a birdie 2 to take the hole and square the match.

**Rockyness** - David L found rockiness at 'Rocky Ness' (the 15th - pictured above) where the course planner advises 'Tighten yer kilt laddie' before playing. David ignored the advice. His sliced tee-shot landed on the rocks and catapulted through the green from where he chipped to 12 inches and holed for par, net birdie.



**Dave G enjoys a pint of Heineken on the 10th tee at Kingsbarns and with his drive reached parts of the course that other golfers have not reached**

**The Links Legacy:** May the heart, soul and intellect of Kingsbarns be absorbing and provide pleasure to all golfers. (Mark Parsinen, Course Designer)

Left my heart on the first tee, my soul in the gorse at the 6th, my intellect on the beach at the 15th and my clubs in a skip behind the mower sheds. (Peter Jacobs, BEC Participant)

**Simpa Roars ahead around Majestic Kingsbarns**

*From our Wee Dunt of a correspondent at the 8th*

Around the majestic Kingsbarns links Andy Simpson today took the BEC by the scruff of the neck roaring into the lead with 6 net birdies and 3 longest drives in the morning, a win in the afternoon and earnings of £36 for the day.

Simpa might have been disappointed with his morning 2&1 loss (partnering

Pete J) to Slama & David L, but he quickly put this behind him with an afternoon 2up win (partnering Julian) over Richard & Pete J.

Simpa leads the Classic going into the final round £5 clear of rival Slama who struggled today and will need to raise his game significantly tomorrow if his hopes of bagging the Tea Pot this year are not to be frustrated by newcomer on the Tour, Andy Simpson.



**'Tassie', Kingsbarns' 5th hole 370yds (par 4)**



Day 4 - Ladybank



David avoids the worst of the crap during the 15th Bad Etiquette Classic

Slamin Seals Victory at Ladybank

FINAL-ROUND LEADERBOARD

£42 A Slamin, £34 A Simpson, £30 R Reeves, £16 D Law, £0 J Malton, -£2 M Powderham, -£60 D Grimbley, P Jacobs

From our correspondent in the on course toilet (code: C2478Z)

Andy Slamin sealed his fourth career victory in the Bad Etiquette Classic today with a 2&1 match win over rival Andy Simpson to regain the Tea Pot he last won in 2006. Having received the Pink Blazer from 2007 Champion

Julian “Fat Shaft” Malton, Slama struggled to maintain his composure and during an emotional acceptance speech said “I simply can’t believe it. Jackie’s going to absolutely bloody kill me when I walk in with that daft Tea Pot again”. He received the Trophy and a cheque for £42.

Just for the Record

Did you know:

- ◆ Pete J has made more Net Birdies than anyone else (238) but that’s only 2 more than Julian (236), seven more than Mark (231) and eleven more than David L (227)

Simpa cashes in on Harrington’s Second Open Win

Thanks to a miraculous 3-wood from 250yds to 8ft at the 17th Andy Simpson today pocketed the £30 first prize in the Open Sweepstake as Padraig Harrington won the Open Championship for a second consecutive year. Despite dazzling chequered trousers, Mark’s hopes faded over the final 6 holes as he (and Ian Poulter) were forced to settle for 2nd place and £10.

- ◆ Dave G leads when it comes to Net Eagles (28) just one ahead of Pete J (27)
- ◆ Mark leads on Nearest Pins (64) and Pete J leads on Longest Drives (59) only 3 more than Andy (56)
- ◆ Andy’s average earnings per BEC are £29 ... and by remarkable coincidence Dave G’s average losses per BEC are, well ... £29
- ◆ During the 15th BEC Pete J didn’t make a par 3 (in 21 attempts) and Richard played the par 3’s in an average of 4.00 better than Andy (4.14)

Andy Slamin



Four times winner of the Bad Etiquette Classic Tea Pot, the only player to have holed in one and proud contributor of the 1998 Chip & Chunder Spectacular, Andy ‘the Slama’ Slamin is a BEC force to be reckoned with. This year’s fine victory reinstated Andy at the top of the all time Leader Board with career earnings of £349.

| All Time   |      |
|------------|------|
| N. Eagles  | 24   |
| N. Birdies | 202  |
| L. Drives  | 56   |
| N. Pins    | 52   |
| Earnings   | £349 |
| Position   | 1st  |

TOP CHUMPS ©

Records set at the 15th BEC

- ◆ Most expensive meal - £58 / head (The Seafood Restaurant, St Andrews)
- ◆ First celebrity sighting - Mark O’Meara (Indian Restaurant, St Andrews)
- ◆ Most days to produce the BEC write-up - 405 (Mark)
- ◆ First-ever Open Championship sweepstake
- ◆ Most expensive BEC ever - £900 / head (golf £409, accom. £148, restaurants £123, flight £108, hire car £61 etc.)
- ◆ Worst ever scoring on a hole—12th Kingsbarns 6●6●, 7●●●, 98●8, 988●



See you (very soon) at the 16th Bad Etiquette Classic