

# The 19th Bad Etiquette Classic

April '12

## Kent 2012



## The Courses

- Canterbury
- Princes
- Royal Cinque Ports
- Chart Hills

## Stat File

1 BEC  
19 years  
764 rounds  
13,758 holes  
72,411 shots  
4,766,670 yards

## Kingsbarns

Voted the best course ever played on Tour



Well, what better day and what better way to start the write-up of the 19th Bad Etiquette Classic than the day the Ryder Cup gets underway at Medinah? 'How about any one of the 150 days since the 19th BEC finished?' You may have a point there, but I have been busy .... unemployed, but very busy. For those of you who haven't given it a whirl yet, unemployment is a time consuming business. I've not just been sitting around idly you know .... there's been some amazing sport on the telly ... Bradley doing his thing in the Tour de France; Rafa & Roger doing their stuff at Rolland Garros and Wimbledon; Fernando, Javi, Cesc, Jesus (wow!), Juan, Sergio, Xavier and friends kicking about at Euro 2012; Mr Bean & Team GB on

their game at London 2012; Ernie mopping up after Adam at The Open; Andy coming good at the US Open ... and now Europe winning the Ryder Cup 14½ - 13½ in truly astonishing fashion .... there go three days for just the opening paragraph!

After eighteen years of tireless inner-tube lobbying by the BEC's Founder Member, the 19th BEC finally took place on the Kent Coast and featured some very fine courses. First Canterbury on the coldest, wettest April day for 500 years, then the very fine Princes and Cinque Ports courses (miraculously dry overhead and under foot), and finally the impressive Chart Hills in casual water and sunshine.

Reigning champion Martin Lee returned to defend his title (unencumbered this year by his former boss who had selflessly quit his job the day before to avoid further embarrassment on Tour) and Andy Slamin, another past Champion, rejoined the fray following absence (without a written note from his mother) in 2011.

As always, new precedents and records were set: participants signed in as guests at Canterbury GC by a friend and the friend's friends (see page 2); the BEC's first ever 'victory in absentia' (page 5) and a record Shortest Drive even shorter than Pete J's one inch drive at the 1st hole of Le Touquet La Foret back in 1998.

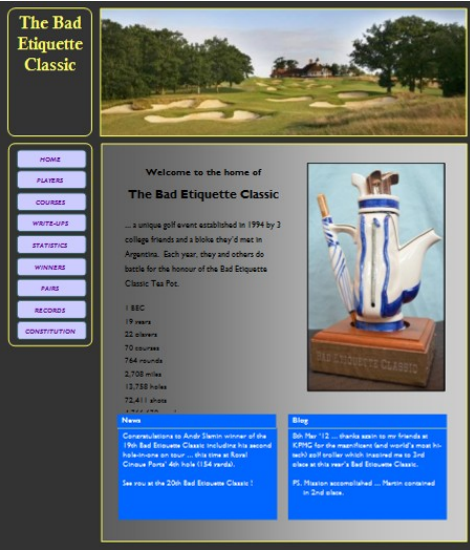
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The Bad Etiquette Classic

Welcome to the home of The Bad Etiquette Classic

... a unique golf event established in 1994 by 3 college friends and a bloke they'd met in Argentina. Each year, they and others do battle for the honour of the Bad Etiquette Classic Tea Pot.

1 BEC  
19 years  
22 players  
70 courses  
764 rounds  
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News

Congratulations to Andy Spann winner of the 19th Bad Etiquette Classic including the second hole-in-one on the 18th hole at Royal Cinque Ports: 4th hole (154 yards).

See you at the 20th Bad Etiquette Classic!

Blog

Oh Mar '12 ... thanks again to my friends at KPSG for the magnificent (and world's most beautiful) teapot which featured in the 2nd place at this year's Bad Etiquette Classic.

PS: Heaton accomplished ... Martin crowned in 2nd place.

## Classic gets underway at Canterbury

The Sunday Times, 29th April 2012

The 19th Bad Etiquette Classic got underway yesterday in miserable conditions at Canterbury Golf Club where unexpected early afternoon brightness gave way to an icy wind and driving rain for much of the late afternoon.

Out first, last year's champion Martin Lee appeared to be lacking form, partnering four-times champion Andy Slamin to a lackluster match half against Dave Grimbley and David Law. Lee failed to complete the first and last holes but demonstrated an understanding of the BEC's finer subtleties ahead of his years on tour, converting 4 pars and a birdie into earnings of £20 and the overnight yellow jersey. Slamin, a hot tip coming into this year's event, carded a miserable 92 for losses of £8 and will need to raise his game considerably around Kent's finest links if he is to achieve a record 5th title.

Only two other players managed modest positive earnings on this first day of play; Mark Powderham in 2nd place on £3 after a variable round which included his first chip-in on tour in 19 years, and Pete Jacobs in 3rd on £1 thanks largely to a sandy par net eagle at the 377yds 15th.

Players, spectators and the world's media will surely be hoping for better weather and a more exciting spectacle tomorrow when the 19th BEC cavalcade moves on to Princes Golf Club, Sandwich.



### Guest appearance

In a first for the Bad Etiquette Classic, BEC participants were signed in at Canterbury GC as guests of Peter Biggs, Paul Jefferson, Simon Ellis and Bill Lloyd Hughes (all members of the club) for the very reasonable sum of £24 per head.

Tipped-off regarding the BEC's bizarre rules, the Canterbury Four chose to keep their stroke and distance and play their own 4-ball. In hindsight, this was a serious error of judgment as Stableford scores of 28, 32, 42 and 43 points (absurd in the conditions) would likely have translated into equivalent £ earnings.

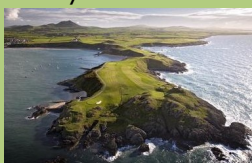
### Top Ten Courses

Over dinner at Dunkerley's, participants voted for their favourite BEC courses of all time with the following outcome:

1 Kingsbarns



2 Nefyn & District



3 Royal Birkdale



4 North Berwick



5 Tralee



6 Ballybunion



7 Royal Porthcawl



8 Royal Portrush



9 Waterville



... and voted least favourite were: Haddington and Killorglin.

### Off to the King's Head

Following a right royal soaking at Canterbury GC and a very damp 17 mile drive to Deal, BEC participants were delighted to check into the warm and cosy Malvern Guesthouse.

But within minutes of doing so, bedrooms, bathrooms and the dining-room were commandeered as makeshift drying rooms for the urgent drying of clubs, bags, balls, umbrellas, shoes, clothing and inadequate water proofs.

Warm, clean and dry this year's BEC hopefuls left the hotel for the short walk to the long named King's Head and Channel View Guest House. And, totally unprepared for the gale force wind and horizontal rain that greeted them on the Deal sea front, they later took turns to stand and steam in front of the open fire at Dunkerley's Restaurant.

## Lee's lead lessened during Himalayan high drama

The Daily Telegraph, Monday 30th April 2012

Conditions at Prince's Golf Club looked far from promising yesterday prior to the second day of the Bad Etiquette Classic. Rain fell incessantly, approach roads were flooded and security staff appeared to question the sanity of players as they arrived. However, following a 90 minute delay, conditions had improved sufficiently for play to get underway and for the patient gallery ('Robert' I think his name was) to be rewarded with some golfing action.

Peter Jacobs on the inward nine were remarkably trumped by 3 NE's from Dave Grimbley at 15, 16 and 18 to force the match half.

In the afternoon, there was drama from the start on Himalayas (highest peak 2.3m) when in front of the packed gallery (Robert now joined by 2 sherpas) Jacobs failed to get proceedings underway with an extraordinary air-shot on the 1st tee and then chipped in spectacularly for birdie at the 5th setting he

& Lee on their way to a 4&3 win against Law & Malton.

Out behind, as Dave Grimbley mourned the loss of a ball that had served him well for 37

holes, and Richard Reeves began an afternoon of ball and soul searching in the rough, Powderham and Slamin went head-to-head with the latter's 4, 4, 4 finish just enough to secure a 1up victory for himself and partner Reeves.

Lee leads on £31, Jacobs jockeys in 2nd on £25 (after Princely takings of £24) and Slamin slips into 3rd place on £22 (after handsome Princely takings of £30).



In the morning 4-balls the quality of the golf mirrored the quality of the weather with some lack-luster ball striking around the front 9 (Shore) giving way to some splendid play on the back 9 (Dunes) as a cold wind and drizzle gave way to sunshine.

Mark Powderham and Andy Slamin doggedly defended a small lead in a tight match to defeat defending champion Lee and partner Malton 2&1 whilst in the other match, 2 NE's from David Law's partner



Delayed start - BEC participants arrive 90 minutes late on the 1st tee following a last minute decision to change from skirts into slacks



Delayed start - Miss Ward arrived at the first tee 10 minutes late because she decided to change from a skirt into slacks.

### Inadequacies of a diarist

Waiting for conditions to improve BEC participants enjoyed a fine display of Prince's GC archive material highlighting (if not already glaringly obvious) the inadequacies of the BEC's own diarist:

#### British Girl's Golf Champs (1956)

*The full fury of the equinoctial gales roared unabated over the bleak vastness of the links.*

*In spite of the effect of the wind on her slimness, Miss Phillips was hitting the ball well and played many fine shots.*

*Some of the most convincing golf was that played by Miss Bisgood who, in spite of taking an impressive number of putts, beat Mrs Cook easily before lunch.*

### A Brief History of Prince's GC

1904 - Construction begins

13th April 1905 - Staples paid 2d per day for killing moles

5th June - Continuous rain all day

26th August - Four women helping with weeding

16th September - 625 moles killed to date; Staples planning early retirement in the Caribbean

8th June 1907 - Course opens

29th April 2012 - Host venue for the Bad Etiquette Classic

EVENT STATISTICS

<b>Format</b>	
Participants	9
Courses	4
Rounds	5.5
Holes	99
Yards	34,666
<b>Gross</b>	
Eagles	1
Birdies	9
Pars	134
Bogies	282
<b>Net</b>	
Eagles	15
Birdies	134
Pars	283
<b>Matches</b>	
4-balls	10
<b>Extras</b>	
Nearest Pins	25
Longest Drives	24
Furthest Pins	17
Shortest Drives	10

ALL TIME RANKINGS

<b>Links</b>	<b>Parkland</b>
1) Andy	1) Mark
2) Dave G	2) Pete
3) Richard	3) David L
4) David L	4) Dave G
5) Pete	5) Richard
6) Julian	6) Julian
7) Mark	7) Andy
<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
1) Richard	1) Andy
2) Julian	2) Dave G
3) Pete	3) Mark
4) David L	4) David L
5) Mark	5) Pete
6) Dave G	6) Julian
7) Andy	7) Richard

Above rankings are based upon each player's average net result on the specified course type / at the specified time relative to their average net result for all BEC rounds.

Got that?

Basically, aim to partner Andy PM on a links and not AM on a parkland.

Sublime Slamin ace sets pace at Royal Cinque Ports

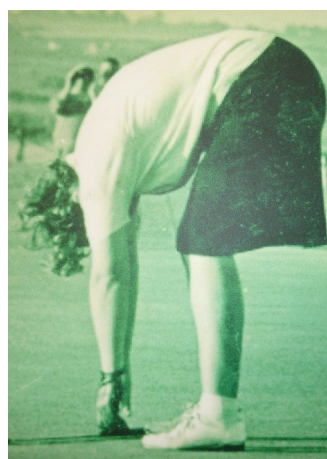
The Deal Daily, Tuesday 1st May 2012

As the Bad Etiquette Classic approaches the half way mark a tangible buzz of excitement is gripping residents across Deal (town motto 'Adjuvate Advenas' .... 'Befriend a Strangler'). No one from the Deal Visitor Information Centre or Kent Golf Union was available for comment, but Ivor Gotya Littlebugger, President of the Deal & Walmer Cage Bird Society, said 'Bad vot? I no heard of it, but netted eagles rare, very rare!'

On day 3, participants took to the links of Royal Cinque Ports (also known locally as Deal Golf Club, The Golf Club, The Club and 'Over there'). And what a day it was. A day of remarkable shot-making: Slamin's hole-in-one at the 154yds 4th



**MAN OF THE DAY** - Mr J Malton - fluent and witty speaker, loyal friend, and gentleman justifiably proud of his hair.



Miss Ward feels the effect of the wind on her slimness

and Lee's chip whilst straddling a dead rat at the 2nd; a day of drama: Dave Grimbley catching his own ball in a greenside bunker at the 8th, and the club's artisans sent running for their lives by an errant Jacobs tee-shot at the 18th; and a day of controversy: the 1st hole PM won with an 8 after a little too much

Theakstons and some ill-feeling following under par sausages at the halfway house.

In the morning, Slamin's £12 NP, NE, CI, hole-in-one at the 4th stole the show and, in combination with 6 further NB's and a second NE, led he and Jacobs to a comfortable 4&3 victory.

And in the afternoon, there were dramatic swings both on the course and on the leader board: Lee's dip hook from the tee at the 12th narrowly missed Jacobs' head as he stooped to retrieve a club from his bag, and Slamin followed his morning miracle at the 4th with a less miraculous FP blob at the same hole. Meanwhile, in their respective 4-balls, Malton re-arranging the

and Powderham were leader board with PM earnings of £27 and £14 respectively at the expense of Pete Jacobs, Dave Grimbley and David Law.

On £74 Slamin holds an almost unassailable lead ahead of Powderham on £22 and Lee on £14.



Records set at the 19th Bad Etiquette Classic

Second hole-in-one on the Tour - Andy, 4th hole, 154yds, Royal Cinque Ports GC (AM)

First ever round as guests of a member - Canterbury GC

Shortest-ever tee-shot - Pete J, 1st hole, Himalayas, Princes GC

Most net eagles in 18 holes - 3, Dave G, Princes GC (AM)

**ESSENTIALLY A LINKS MAN** - Mr P Jacobs - indefatigable coastal golfer and loyal friend justifiably proud of his chest.

## Slamin victorious in absentia

The Evening Standard, Tuesday 1st May 2012

In a quite extraordinary turn of events, Andy Slamin sealed a 5th Bad Etiquette Classic victory today despite failing to turn up for the final day of competition. Instead, the Tea Pot was secured from the comfort of his own living room while fellow participants battled for the lesser honours around the spectacular Chart Hills Golf Club. When notified of his 'victory in absentia' Slamin said 'Sitting on a £52 lead going into the final round I really couldn't be arsed and came home for a bit of R&R. I also got away without that daft bloody jacket and tea pot'.

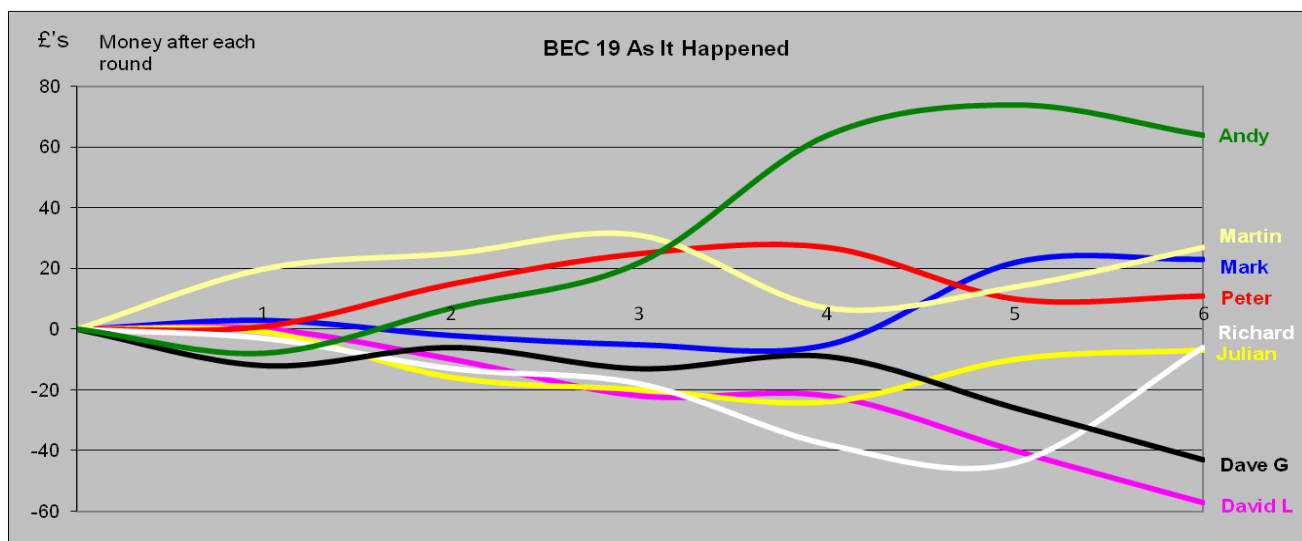
Peter Biggs, who stood in for Slamin on the final day partnering Martin Lee to a hard-fought match half against Jacobs & Powderham commented after the match 'I don't think four NB's, an LD and an SD is bad for a GP, yet I'm the one who has to cough up £12 in what feels like a bad case of hemoptysis.'

And there were further respiratory complications in the 4-ball behind in which Reeves traumatised the opposition with 7 net birdies, a net eagle, 2 longest drives and a nearest pin on his way to a 5&4 victory and 18 hole earnings of £37, sending the opposition (Grimbley & Law) into dyspnea-inducing losses of £19 each.



Andy Slamin receives the BEC Tea Pot from 2011 Champion Martin Lee

*Despite a £10 fine for failing to pitch up for the final round, Andy Slamin wins the 19th Bad Etiquette Classic with earnings of £64 some stroke and distance ahead of Lee in 2nd place on £27 and Powderham in 3rd on £23.*



*See you at the 20th Bad Etiquette Classic !*