

The 25th Bad Etiquette Classic



Following hot on the heels of the hugely successful 2018 BEC Prologue event in May, the 25th Bad Etiquette Classic had much to live up to: great weather (blue skies and sunshine), magnificent setting (Hadley Wood Golf Club), impressive turnout (15), remarkable milestones (6,000,000 BEC yards surpassed) and, above all a day spent with great friends. Unable to compete on a like-for-like basis, the 25th Bad Etiquette Classic would have to be different and memorable for other reasons. And so it was. For starters, we numbered just 6, the fewest participants since 1995 and the fewest in the open era. As a consequence, we played only 3-ball singles and not one game of 4-ball



better ball (the BEC's most celebrated format) for the first time since records began. Alongside such record lows, there were record highs too, most of them set by the champion: 10 out of 10 singles match wins including two 9&8 drubbings, the greatest ever margin of victory (£89), a near white-wash of the entire field (the runner-up earned just £1) and only the third time that the victor has sported the Yellow Cashmere after every round. Add to that the first appearance of a BEC WAG on Tour and one of the most extraordinary opening tee-shots of all time (at Windermere on the final day) and the 25th BEC rightfully takes its place amongst the many rich chapters of the Bad Etiquette Classic.

Uproar on Tour as Founder Member's wife puts in appearance



In an extraordinary first for the Bad Etiquette Classic, Tess Powderham, wife of Founder Member Mark Powderham, was spotted dining with BEC participants at the prestigious Cockermouth Premier Inn on Monday evening, breakfasting with players Tuesday morning and attending the Trophy presentation ceremony later that day. Needless to say, it wasn't long

before the BEC switchboard was jammed as complaints poured in regarding such a blatant breach of the BEC constitution and the general decline of standards on Tour.

Peter Alliss gives his thoughts about women and golf



'Well, well, who'd have thought it? A woman on the BEC Tour! And the Founder Member's wife at that. Apparently on her way back from a spot of walking near Derwent Water and thought she'd drop by to say hello to the players. Wouldn't have been allowed in my day, oh no, wouldn't have been allowed at all. But of course, women have been infiltrating the game a great deal in recent years. Some clubs now permit them on Tuesday mornings if they can provide confirmation that they're up-to-date with the washing and ironing. Even Muirfield voted last year to allow women members. Would you Adam and Eve it? Which reminds me to say good evening to Adam Hodge, captain of Southernness Golf Club in Dumfries and Galloway, and his lovely wife Eve who's been a little bit under the weather and in and out of hospital recently. Eve we wish you a speedy recovery.'



A hiker's guide to BEC golfing terminology

Big Bertha	Larger than life member of the Tadcaster Ramblers
Fade	Tiring towards the end of a good day out on the hills
Flag	See 'Fade'
Hole-in-one	Better than having a hole in both
Pitch shot	An attempt to put your tent up
Pitch and run	Legging it to the pub having successfully put your tent up
Slice	Piece of Kendall Mint Cake kept in your backpack in case of emergency
Titleist	Ailment sometimes suffered by female hikers after wild camping in the Scottish Highlands
1st tee	First warm aromatic beverage of the day
18th tee	Time to start looking out for a public convenience

See also page 5 for 'A BEC golfer's guide to hiking terminology'

Jacobs storms to early lead at the 25th Bad Etiquette Classic

‘Let’s cross now live to David Livingstone in Windermere for a round up of the opening day’s play at the 25th Bad Etiquette Classic. David what’s the story?’



‘Well, Ewen, what a day it’s been. Peter Jacobs out in the second of the afternoon’s 3-balls really putting down a marker with an outstanding round of 66. 4 birdies on the front nine and two more on the back nine, he leads the field on £32.50. So, a really strong start for him at this year’s event. And what’s remarkable is that he beat both Richard Reeves and David Grimbley, the other players in the 3-ball, by a tournament record margin of 9&8. Both of them. Quite extraordinary.’ ‘And how about the rest of the field David?’ ‘Yes, well, in the earlier 3-ball David Law shot an opening round of 69 to win his singles matches against Mark Powderham and Julian Malton both of whom really did appear to struggle out there today.’ ‘OK, thanks David. And we’re going to cross now to the Sky Cart where Sarah is talking to Peter Jacobs, leader in the clubhouse’.



‘Peter, congratulations on a great round. You must be pleased with the way you were striking the ball.’ ‘Yes, for sure. From the moment I made birdie at the first, I felt pretty good. I was swinging the club well, making some putts, it was nice to be out there.’ ‘A lot’s been said in the press about the changes you’ve made to your practice regime; talk us through that.’ ‘Absolutely. Since retiring 12 months ago, I’ve adopted a daily 1-18-2-2 regime; an hour of chipping before breakfast, 18 holes before lunch, 2 hours on the range and 2 hours on the putting green. It’s made a real difference.’ ‘How’s that going down with Tina and the family?’ ‘I’m sorry ...?’ ‘Your wife and ...?’ ‘Oh, yeah, right, them. Well, as any top pro will tell you, making sacrifices is a key part of staying at the top of the game.’ ‘I guess so. Thanks for talking to us Peter and good luck with your round tomorrow.’ ‘Thank you.’

‘Now over to Nick Dougherty who’s talking to David Law in the Sky Putt Zone Nick.’



‘Thanks Sarah ... and welcome David, thanks for dropping by. Now despite shooting 69, you looked to be having a few problems with the putter out there. Talk us through that.’ ‘Yeah, the greens were challenging. After birdies at two, three and four, I was feeling confident, but I four-putted the 5th for double-bogey and took four more putts at the 6th for an 8. Then, just when I didn’t think it could get any worse, I five putted the 7th.’ ‘5 putts. Astonishing. We were saying in the commentary box afterwards that we don’t think we’ve ever seen anyone putt that hopelessly before.’ ‘Thanks. Thanks a bunch.’ ‘No problem. Now back to the studio.’

Law takes center stage in another BEC driving debacle

By the BEC’s Automotive Correspondent - Miles Fromgarage

Whenever there’s a driving debacle at the Bad Etiquette Classic, you can bet your head gasket that David Law isn’t far away. Co-contributor to the Great Channel Tunnel Debacle in 1998 and solely responsible for the ‘Rolls of Monmouth - Seven of us left waiting 15 minutes in the hotel car park debacle’, it comes as no surprise that David took center stage in this year’s Dodgy Key Fob Debacle. Exiting the Windermere clubhouse after a much needed beer, BEC participants were looking forward to a shower at the Allerdale Court Hotel and a meal out in Cockermouth. For Pete, Mark and Dave G, that’s exactly what they got; within 90 minutes they were tucking into a bowl of pasta at Tarentella in Cockermouth High Street. Meanwhile, Julian and Richard were spending their evening quite differently and unexpectedly, first waiting for David to get his Land Rover Discovery started and, then waiting for roadside assistance to join their little gathering in the Windermere GC car park. ‘Think you need to replace your immobiliser mate, it’s knackered.’ ‘Umm. They’re quite expensive. I’m sure it’ll last a few more years.’



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Jacobs takes opposition to the cleaners at Silloth on Solway

Iain Carter looks back at the action from an exciting second day at the 25th Bad Etiquette Classic.

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By Iain Carter
BBC golf correspondent

Following the opening round in Windermere, BEC participants travelled north for day 2 of the 25th Bad Etiquette Classic and 18 holes around the spectacular links of Silloth on Solway Golf Club.

Those foolish enough to follow the first of the late morning 3-balls will most certainly have regretted their decision with not one of the threesome showing any sign of form for the duration of the round. Only David Law, lying in second place overnight, returned with anything to show for his exertions on the links, 2 match wins contributing another £16 to his cause.



Contrastingly, followers of the second 3-ball didn't have to wait long for some fine shot-making with overnight leader Peter Jacobs out of the traps like a whippet ... and a whippet that knows a thing or two about golf at that. Birdies at the 1st and 2nd were followed by a third at the 4th and another at the 363yds 7th secured with a sensational 40ft birdie putt. And just when the packed galleries might have thought they'd seen the whippet's full repertoire, the whippet hits an approach to the 462yds 14th leaving just a tap in for eagle. Wow, what a whippet. In the face of such an onslaught, the opposition could only salvage occasional scraps - Julian Malton carding 3 longest drives and Dave Grimbley 3 net birdies - and presented no real threat as Jacobs took them to the cleaners.

Overnight, Peter Jacobs leads on £54.50 ahead of David Law on £33.50 with Mark Powderham in 3rd on £0.



After a less than successful round at Silloth on Solway, Richard wins the frightening stare competition easily defeating David and the locker-room moose

Julian wins the Open Sweepstake

'OK guys, Open Sweepstake (OS) time. £10 in the kitty buys you 3 players from the top 18 of the Open leader board (OLB) as at close of play (COP) Friday. Whoever's got the leader at COP Saturday wins £20. For £5 you can keep one of your players for Sunday. Your other players will be allocated randomly from the top 18 of the OLB as at COP Saturday. Holder of the Open Champion (OC) gets 50% of the kitty while 2nd and 3rd each get 25% each. Got that? Good.'

So what happened?

- Dave G, David L and Richard win £7 each for Spieth, Kisner and Schauffele who share the overnight Saturday lead on -9
- They keep those players for Sunday, Mark keeps Zach Johnson and Pete keeps Kevin Chappell while Julian discards all of his players
- Mark is thrilled to draw 'Tiger' and not Molinari, Richard draws Mclroy and Julian draws Molinari and Rose
- We settle in the bar to watch the closing stages with a congregation of Silloth on Solway members
- Molinari wins the Open; Rose, Mclroy, Kisner and Schauffele tie for 2nd place
- Julian wins £40, Richard £16 and David L £8

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No sign of credible opposition as Jacobs strides purposefully towards 3rd BEC title

On day 3 of the 25th Bad Etiquette Classic, Pete Jacobs showed no sign of relinquishing his stranglehold on the event. Despite some occasional LGBT (Left Greenside Bunker Trouble) the overnight leader comfortably won his 4 singles matches and extended his lead to an extraordinary £68.50.

Morning 3-balls

Despite no one in the opening group breaking 100, the contest wasn't without highlights, particularly on the back nine where Dave Grimbley 3-putted an albatross opportunity into oblivion at 13, David Law made net eagle at 14 and Dave G bounced back with a net eagle at the short 16th. But it was the second group that drew the crowds and rightly so, with wearer of the Yellow Cashmere Peter Jacobs appearing subdued early on until a birdie at 8 ignited the Jacobs afterburners accelerating him to 5 birdies in 6 holes from the 11th. Despite moments of brilliance ... Reeves' birdie NE at the 283yds 10th and Powderham's tap in for birdie NE at the 14th come to mind ... they were just no match for the in form Jacobs.

Afternoon 3-balls

In the first of the PM 3-balls leader Pete Jacobs (refuelled with 3 pints of Gunners) comfortably defeated the two David's for an extraordinary 8 wins from 8 starts. Dave Grimbley, meanwhile, showed some improved form with a net 75 and gave his fans something to celebrate at the 342yds 4th making net birdie with a miraculous recovery shot from the bottom of a rabbit hole.



'Should be able to make net birdie from here'

Out behind Richard Reeves was barely in the game finding himself 6 down and 2 down at the turn against Powderham and Malton. A valiant fight back with net birdies at 11, 14, 15 and 17 looked set to overturn much of the deficit, but a wayward drive on 18 dashed such hopes. And reportedly, it wasn't the fastest of rounds either causing Peter Jacobs to complain to Tour Officials that the second 3-ball had been so slow that following his own round he'd had time to shower, doze, watch a movie and read all 24 back-issues of the BEC write-up.

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OUTRAGE FOLLOWING LAW'S MICHELSON MOMENT DURING CLASSIC SECOND ROUND

Spectators were left in shock yesterday after David Law suffered a 'Michelson moment' at Silloth on Solway during the second round of the Bad Etiquette Classic. 24 hours after the bizarre incident is reported to have taken place, details are emerging of how Law badly over hit his par putt at the 5th and watched with alarm as it accelerated past the hole. In what appears to be a carbon copy of Phil Michelson's bizarre action during the US Open Championship just one month earlier, Law ran after his ball, and knocked it back up the



hill while it was still moving. Despite remonstrations from players and spectators alike, match officials failed to impose a 2 shot penalty or disqualification for a breach of rule 14-5. As a result, Law recorded a questionable double-bogie 7 and halved the hole in both matches. Unlike Michelson who subsequently expressed 'embarrassment and disappointment' at his actions. Law, when later challenged, responded 'More than happy to discuss the incident when the footage is available to review'.



Mark appears oblivious as Pete uses his new BMW crane attachment to hoist Mark's trolley into the Station Road industrial estate adjacent to Silloth on Solway GC

Jacobs seals Pink Jacket and 3rd Bad Etiquette Classic title with ease



The Bad Etiquette Classic never fails to deliver and today's final round at Windermere Golf Club didn't disappoint. Butch, take us through some of the highlights.' 'Well David, let's start with another David, David Law. His opening shot of the day was something to behold it really was! Jeepers. He takes 3-wood from the tee, almost tops the ball, drives it hard, straight and low, hits a rock ... one of those little rocky outcrops you get on this course ... and rebounds into the golf club car park. I've never seen anything like it. And I'll tell you what, that ball didn't stop there. It exited through the car park entrance and was last seen waiting for the ferry in Windermere Ha! I tell you David, you couldn't write this stuff.'



'And we gotta talk about that opening 3-ball. Pete Jacobs, looking for his 3rd BEC title, birdies the first, Richard Reeves eagles the 4th, Jacobs birdies six and seven and then Law makes eagle at nine! Boy I'm tellin' yah, they were havin' some fun out there today. But it wasn't all fun. Law recorded five Furthest from the Pins. Five in one round! Can you believe that? FP's at the 2nd, 8th, 14th, 15th and 18th. That's gotta be a record ain't it? I'm tellin' yah. It was all happenin' out there.'

'But if you think those boys were enjoyin' it, take a look at what the following group was up to. 8 birdies on the front nine, 8 birdies and an eagle on the back 9. I mean, those guys were smokin'. Malton hit a 5-wood to 4ft at the 194yds 10th for goodness sake; now that takes some doing! And the last hole, I gotta tell yah. It was chaos out there. Powderham and Grimbley both hit terrible tee-shots ... and I mean terrible. Powderham's ricochets off a tree down the 17th. Grimbley's is so far right, he's almost in the next county and his reload ain't much better. Powderham holes out for double-bogie



and thinks he's won the hole and nine, but after searching for 20 minutes ... yup, 20 minutes ... Grimbley finds his ball, chips to 10 feet and holes for birdie and the nine. Completely unbelievable. Back to you David.'

So, as I said earlier, the Bad Etiquette Classic never fails to deliver. What a day. A day on which Peter Jacobs won the 25th Bad Etiquette Classic with £90, a record margin of £89 ahead of Mark Powderham in second place on just £1. Everyone else was in the red.



Incredible. And what a week. A week in which Jacobs outclasses the entire field, Reeves rejects a bowl of under-par mussels at Portico, Law has a Michelson moment and the Founder member's wife causes uproar at the Premier Inn. What a week. Well, that's all from us. We hope you've enjoyed the coverage and we look forward to seeing you at the 26th Bad Etiquette Classic. Goodbye.'



A BEC golfer's guide to hiking terminology

Backpack	Chuck everything back in your overnight bag for the journey home
Footpath	An immovable obstruction from which relief can be obtained without penalty (rule 24-2)
Gaiters	Reptiles to be given a wide berth when golfing in Florida
Ordinance Survey	Checking how many balls you've got in your bag before setting off on your round
Water bottle	Electing to lay up short of a water hazard
Way mark	Constituent part of the Founder Member's annual medical check-up

THE TOP 20 BEC MOMENTS OF ALL TIME (1994 - 2018)

After 25 years and 997 rounds of golf on the links of Britain, the BEC's six most prolific participants have selected their Top 20 Best BEC Moments of All Time.

In a repeat of the 2013 exercise, during Phase I. of the voting process (*oh please, not again*) participants were asked to recall and rank their favourite BEC moments (*the counselling clearly hasn't worked*). Rankings were then averaged with statistical outlier data points excluded (*this guy's completely beyond hope*) to produce an overall ranking of the Top 20 Best BEC Moments of All Time as presented below.



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Greetings Pop Pickers. Here we go with this week's Bad Etiquette Classic Top 20. We've got 5 new entries, 2 non-movers, 7 going up and 6 going down. 'The 25th BEC Prologue' is a new entry at number 13. Up 10 at five it's 'Who switched the Tea Pot?', Up 5 at four it's 'Launch of the BEC website'. In third place, up 2 it's 'Pete's third-party altercation'.

'The Great Channel Tunnel Debacle' is a non-mover at two and ... the greatest Bad Etiquette Classic Moment of All Time (another non-mover) is 'Forgery, impersonation & deception on an unprecedented scale at Royal Birkdale'.

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| 1 | Forgery, impersonation & deception on an unprecedented scale, Royal Birkdale | Non mover | BEC 7 |
| 2 | The Great Channel Tunnel Debacle ... "We're on the train, where the @:^\$ are you?" | Non mover | BEC 5 |
| 3 | Pete's third-party altercation in the pub at Deal ... it was always going to be Pete, but the first death threat on Tour still came as a surprise | Up 2 | BEC 19 |
| 4 | Launch of the Bad Etiquette Classic website - a masterpiece taking the BEC to a limitless global audience ... namely Alison's Dad | Up 5 | 2012 |
| 5 | Who switched the Tea Pot? Mark Player fesses up to having smashed & replaced the historic trophy | Up 10 | BEC 18 |
| 6 | The starter's encouraging words following our opening drives at Birkdale ... "Well, good luck gentlemen, it's going to be a difficult round" | Up 14 | BEC 7 |
| 7 | Andy's hole-in-one, 13th hole (167yds), Rolls of Monmouth | Down 1 | BEC 8 |
| 8 | Tighter than you'll like it ... all 8 participants in with a shout at Celtic Manor and 4 putts on the final green determining the winner | Up 6 | BEC 12 |
| 9 | A wild time had by all at Nefyn & District | Up 2 | BEC 17 |
| 10 | Blown away by a six club wind, Ballycastle | Down 6 | BEC 9 |
| 11 | Dave G's debacle at the 7th, Portrush; 3-wood into fairway bunker, immaculate wedge back down wind, 3-wood back into bunker | Down 4 | BEC 11 |
| 12 | Julian & Angie's duets ... and her fixation with his cords, Anglia Court Hotel, Norfolk | Down 9 | BEC 4 |
| 13 | The 25th BEC Prologue is a triumph! 15 players, superb course, spectacular weather, 6m yards surpassed and Andy is the winner | New entry | 2018 |
| 14 | Jackets, ties and evening snooker at Royal Lytham & St Annes | Up 2 | BEC 14 |
| 15 | David L's opening tee shot strikes a boulder, rebounds through the car park and heads down the road to catch the Windermere ferry | New entry | BEC 25 |
| 16 | Forte nevoeiro causes havoc in Portugal and no one seems to care that Darren sent us | New entry | BEC 22 |
| 17 | 'It's not that simple' - Mark and Andy fall out over arrangements for the 20th BEC | New entry | BEC 20 |
| 18 | Not permitted to wear trainers, Richard returns to the wooden-floored nightclub wearing spiked golf shoes, Scarisbrick Hotel, Scarborough | Down 6 | BEC 11 |
| 19 | Andy's 'Chip & Chunder' spectacular on the 5th & 6th holes, Le Touquet | Down 6 | BEC 5 |
| 20 | Richard records the BEC's first ever net albatross (NA) at the 4th hole, Southerndown | New entry | BEC 12 |