

The 32nd Bad Etiquette Classic

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME



A warm welcome to North Wales and the 32nd Bad Etiquette Classic. Four exciting days lie ahead, and I wish you a memorable stay with us here in Conwy. A few tips to help you get the most from your stay:

- Take care at Rhyl. Half the course has disappeared into the sea, what's left is a bit crap, and tee reservations can be bit of a shambles
- Make sure you don't have more than 14 clubs in your bag
- If you need anything at all during your stay, just say 'Ian sent us'.

Ian Woosnam OBE



**Cymru
Wales**



32
Years

121
Courses

1,286
Rounds

23,161
Holes

122,696
Shots

7,940,090
Yards

Wales

Years that Wales has played host to the Bad Etiquette Classic

- ♦ Monmouthshire (BEC8, 2001)
- ♦ Glamorgan (BEC12, 2005)
- ♦ Gwynedd (BEC17, 2010)
- ♦ Conwy (BEC32, 2025)

You'll remember that Pete played BEC29 in Ireland just 3 weeks after being admitted to hospital with concussion, broken ribs and a punctured lung. That feat (degree of difficulty 4.7) earned Pete 14th place in the BEC's all time Top 20 Moments.

In an attempt to go one better, ahead of BEC32, Julian opts for a pericardiectomy (degree of difficulty 6.1) requiring the opening of his chest cavity with an oscillating bone saw. Whether that secures him a place in the Top 20 won't be known until 2028 when the next vote takes place, and by then, with an aging BEC demographic and medical issues on the rise, we may have introduced the BEC's all time Top 20 Medical Moments. If so, entry criteria will need to be carefully considered to ensure that, for example, Andy's 'chip & chunder' spectacular (BEC5, DoD 7.2) and Jez' thornbush up arse (BEC7, DoD 1.3) are given a fair hearing.

Four months after surgery, Julian and his golf game look to be in good shape. Such good shape, in fact, that others on Tour begin to question whether they too might benefit from the removal of calcified, or otherwise failing, body parts.

Our destination this year is Conwy, North Wales. And,

on the start sheet, eight names unchanged for the third consecutive year ... a feat not previously achieved.

Mark Just sorting out my golf bag ... and I'd like to nominate myself for "most pencils on tour"



Pete Mark, I hate to break it to you but I have 33

James Wow, a Wentworth pencil. Impressive!

Mark I think one of those Close House pencils is mine as I don't seem to have one

Pete Have it. I don't use any of them anymore. I've gone digital.

What ups & downs awaited us at the 32nd Bad Etiquette Classic? Would parking in Llandudno be straight-forward? Would it always be clear which way to head along the promenade when exiting the Imperial Hotel? Would our tee reservation at Rhyl be honoured without question, and participants exude the customary levels of peace and harmony?

On the morning of departure, commendable car sharing efforts are in evidence. James is travelling with his father, and is forced to intervene during a painful exchange at Pret A Manger.

Mark Can I have a large flat white please

Barista I'm afraid we only do one size

Mark looks along the service counter and sees that all the coffees are the same size.

Mark OK, a flat white please

Moments later the Barista places Mark's coffee on the service counter and it's half the size of the others.



Mark I thought you said you only do one size

Barista That's right

Mark But my coffee is half the size of all the others

Barista Yes. Flat whites are smaller

Mark So when you say you do just the one size, you really mean that you do many different sizes for many different coffee types. I commend you on your command of the term 'one size'.

James Hi. Sorry about this. I'm his carer, he's not often allowed out in public. What do we owe you?

Meanwhile, Pete makes a bid for a career in stand-up.

Mark Don't take the A548 coastal road for the views ... just one big industrial estate

Julian Views Mark? Whatever next?

Pete Good to know. I'm at an EV charging station and as I was inserting the charging plug, I said to myself "I'd better Pres-tat-yn"

The draw for partners - it's not always simple

Inadvertently Mark puts the numbers 1 to 8 (and not participants' names) in the Tea Pot. Rather than start over, someone has the brilliant idea of quickly preparing a random mapping of names to numbers.

"OK. Dave, if you'd like to do the honours." ... *Dave gives the Tea Pot a shake* ... "First out is number six. That's Julian. He's number one and will be out first with ... *Dave gives the Tea Pot another shake* ... number three. That's Richard, playing as number two. They'll be playing against ... *another shake* ... number seven, Pete, playing as three, and number five, David L, playing as four. And the second match will be one, Dave G, five, partnered with eight, James, six, against two Steve, seven, and four, Mark, eight. Everyone got that?"



Saturday - Prestatyn

- Despite dark skies and intermittent showers, there's plenty of sunshine and some impressive rainbows.
- It's windy too. The 11th hole is a mere 125yds, but into the wind no one gets anywhere near the green.
- There's nothing to separate the pairs in the opening match (Dave G & Steve versus Julian & Pete) until Steve makes birdie net eagle at the 15th. Victory is secured at the last where Julian misses a putt for the match half.
- Out behind, reigning BEC champion, James, gets off to an inauspicious start, losing his first 4 tee-shots, but his father keeps the opposition (David L & Richard) at bay until James finds his form and they canter to a 5&4 victory.

Mark £19 Steve £14 Dave G £10 James £7 Julian -£8 David L -£13 Richard -£13 Pete -£16

Sunday - Conwy

- It's not as windy as feared; in fact, it's quite summerlike.
- **AM** - Julian & Richard win 5&4 against David L & Pete, with Richard's 4 NB's and an NE doing much of the damage, and pocketing him £18.
- The match behind is an epic. Mark & Steve edge ahead four times only to be pegged back to All Square each time by Dave G & James. It's still level on the 18th where, after a stern talking to from Mark, Steve chips to eight inches for a par 4 and the match win.
- At the 5th, the first ever double-shot in a BEC match is given by James (playing off 7) to Dave G (off 28).
- **PM** - Mark, the clubhouse leader after 2 rounds, 'crashes and burns', losing 4&3 and, in the process, £23. Steve is largely responsible with 5 NB's and earnings of £25.
- Out behind, Julian records a crowd-pleasing gross sandy trolley (GST) at the 6th. He & James secure an emphatic 6&4 match win, against Dave G & Richard, with a brace of birdies at the 14th. Between them, they pocket £34.



Steve £38 James £30 Julian £14 Mark -£1 Richard -£10 David L -£16 Dave G -£20 Pete -£35



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BEC SPECTATOR CHAOS Llandudno hosts 32nd Bad Etiquette Classic **SNOWDON ROCKS FOR BEC**

BEC LEADERS TAKEN TO THE CLEANERS

In a remarkable afternoon at North Wales GC, Julian Malton (lying 4th) and David Law (8th) confounded the pundits with a stunning 7&6 win over clubhouse leaders James Powderham and Steve Buck during the 5th round of the Bad Etiquette Classic.

Monday - North Wales

- **AM** - It's another excellent match as Julian & Mark and James & Pete find themselves level on the 16th tee. 137yds into the teeth of a howling wind, Mark hits a magnificent 5-iron to 15ft and wins the hole with a 3 ...
- ... but there's heartbreak for Julian & Mark as James finishes with back-to-back pars to steal the match 1 up.
- In the following match, Richard & Steve aren't giving much away against the two Davids. Richard hits an approach to 3 feet at the 371yds 7th to go 2 up and from there they romp to a 5&4 win.
- There's Longest Drive drama at the 522yds 14th when Richard queries whether Steve's huge drive is actually on the fairway. David L adjudicates and finds in Steve's favour.
- **PM** - It's a shambolic start on the first tee as Pete ricochet's off a pylon, Richard duffs and Dave G goes OB, setting the tone for a round that is later described as a 'comedy of incompetence'.
- As the weather gets progressively wilder, Dave & Richard barely feature, and Pete beats Mark 5&3.
- In the following game, described as 'arduous', Steve is losing balls aplenty. He attempts to replace his contact lenses with about as much success as one might expect when changing them in a wind gusting at 40mph.
- With the match already lost, James & Steve fight back from 4 down with 5 to play to halve the back 9 and save themselves each £3.

James £49 Steve £36 Richard £4 Julian £1 Mark -£10 Pete -£18 David L -£28 Dave G -£34

SBS2 - as controversial and expensive as HS2

Following the runaway success of the first Side Bet Sweepstake during BEC17 (2010), participants can barely contain their excitement when Julian introduces SBS2. Each evening, this thrilling (*others would say 'tedious'*) contest would require participants to forecast the Top 3 on the BEC leaderboard at the end of the following day, together with the margin between 1st and 2nd, and the overall spread from 1st to 8th. *Seriously?* Police Sargeant James Powderham was on standby, ready to intervene in the case of any infringement of the 2005 Gambling Act.

WARNING - PAST BEC FORM IS RARELY A RELIABLE INDICATOR OF FUTURE BEC FORM

Saturday evening - Clubhouse leader, Mark, is heavily backed to retain pole position on Sunday, but at Conwy he crashes out of the Top 3 and is replaced by Steve who no one backed at all. Dave G and Steve are closest on the margin between 1st and 2nd, forecasting £7 against the actual outturn of £8. *Will this take much longer?*

Sunday evening - 5 of 8 back Steve to retain the Yellow Cashmere, but at North Wales he is overtaken by James who had been backed by the other three. The Sunday night margin between 1st and 2nd (£13) exceeds all forecasts, while Mark is closest to predicting the overall range from 1st to 8th which stands at £83.

THE RESULTS (*if we must*) - Julian (£12), Steve (£8) and Mark (£7) are the principal winners with earnings confirmed only once James has explained the methodology to Julian, who has forgotten what he'd invented. Any questions? *Yes, can you confirm please that there won't be an SBS3?*

Trouble at Rhyl



08.40 Rhyl Golf Club

Mark Morning. I have a reservation for 8 golfers at 9am. The name is Mark Powderham.

Pro Shop Assistant I don't know anything about that. Wait a moment.
<Pause> Gordon, this chap says he has a booking at nine. Know anything about that?

Gordon No. There's a seniors match at nine.

Mark I booked in November last year, and you confirmed the reservation when I rang on Friday.

Gordon looks concerned and studies his computer

Gordon I remember now. How's this happened? I can see your booking at nine and the seniors match at 9.45

Mark Great, so we can go off at nine

Gordon But the seniors match is already on the tee

Mark Well it's not nine yet, so you can get them off the tee

Gordon I don't really do confrontation. You could tee-off after the match at 9.45

Mark Well, Gordon, I really do do confrontation, and if you don't get them off the tee, I'm going to bludgeon you to death with my new 3-hybrid.

Tuesday - Rhyl

- Rhyl GC has evidently undergone some drastic civil engineering works to protect it from erosion. Thanks to Denbighshire County Council the spectacular sea view has been sympathetically obliterated by a vast concrete embankment, and what's left of the course is pretty beaten up.
- Following the reservation omnishambles, we tee off an hour late behind an armada of geriatric mobility scooters stretching as far as the eye can see.
- Out first, James & Julian work their way to 3 up at the turn and onwards to a 5&4 victory in a match described by Julian afterwards as 'just a very pleasant round of golf'.
- There's a very different vibe in the following match featuring Pete, Mark and the Davids. Tensions run high and a significant volume of shit hits the fan at the 8th. Mark walks off the course after nine and the game concludes as a 3-way singles.
- The 9th is Mark, Julian & Pete's 3000th hole of BEC golf, but celebrations are somewhat muted.

James Hello, hello, hello. What's all this going on 'ere then?

Mark This lily-livered twat has fouled up our booking.

James Is that right, Sir? Are you a lily-livered twat? And have you fouled up our booking?

Gordon No, there's just been a bit of a mix up.

Mark Well, why don't you do your job and un-f***ing mix it before you meet your maker.

James Dad, I am arresting you for threatening a lily-livered golf club secretary with GBH. You do not have to say anything, but, it may harm your defence ...

Mark Yes, yes, thank you James. All very impressive.

Gordon Can I offer your group a free coffee?

Mark No, you can't! ... unless, that is, you can do a large flat white



Congratulations to James on a third successive BEC victory

James £67 Steve £26 Julian £7 Richard -£10 Mark -£14 Pete -£22 David L -£23 Dave G -£31