



IRONS GOLF SOCIETY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2007



Dear Irons Member,

Welcome to the August edition of the Irons Newsletter. We will be reviewing a hectic two months of events, starting in June with the Spring Tour to Deauville, in France written by Vice Captain B in "franglais", a very brief mention of Aldenham, as the event was cancelled due to one of a series of rain deluges to hit England this summer, so that's all for that one! Also, we assess an enjoyable drive along the M4-Corridor to meet up with our West Country amigos at Wokefield Park. Then in July, further afield, to Antwerp and a successful Eurogames for some of our Irons members and finally, a titivating and titillating account from Gary of our First venture into the "Land of Our Father's".

As always, there will be a conclusive round up of scores, results, points, in every format possible including Bessies Bowl, Wales Trip and the latest in the President Balls competition scored in our very own Eurovision Style system plus all the handicaps from your very own "Statto" T.

One further point to mention is that our website, www.ironsgolf.org.uk is now fully functional thanks to Terry, which is much appreciated by the Committee. Also we have entered into the advertising arena, where, by the autumn, there will be a small, but discreet advert in Golf Monthly encouraging new members to join us. We have also designed a flyer which will be handed out at various events especially those non-Irons orientated ie. at the Brighton Invitational in August at which Gary, Ken and others will be participating and at the Rainbow Event in Schwerin, Germany in September, at which Nick, our captain and Dave Ho will be attending to forge further links with our continental friends met at Weston and Antwerp earlier this year.

In the next newsletter we will review, the BLAGSS Tournament at Brighton, two highly important Sunday meets at Hainault and Farleigh Court, plus our Autumn Trip to Lincolnshire and final foreign visit of the year to Schwerin in Germany.

We both look forward to seeing you all throughout the late summer and autumn events and hope as many of you can participate as possible.

Best wishes
Mark & Adrian

REPORTS: LE SPRING VACANCES EN FRANCE PAR MARC B JUIN 2007

Bienvenue “au revue” de la Spring vacances qui est written en “honneur” de notre Capitaine Nicolas H, qui après chaque round of golf, entertained us avec la presentation ceremony dans cette way to the amusement de tout.

Après arriving at le terminal de Dover, Guillaume (Aka Will) et Davide He decided to abandon le group pour un secluded repas à Honfleur, pendant the rest of us followed sur le prochain train et drove gaily sur l'autoroute at varying speeds avec le “plus lentement” Adrien et moi à la derrière as became le formation pour le reste de la semaine.

Quand nous arrivons à Deauville avec les directions pour l'hôtel from le Maitre de la groupe Ken Coales, nous sommes lost, “Où se trouve l'hôtel” dites Adrien au Nicolas sur le mobile, comme j'ai oublié que je suis en France et drove sur la gauche avec oncoming traffique! Oulala shrieked Adrien!!!

Pour le premier soir nous mangeons dans le grand hotel Golf du Barrière où nous were staying. Quel mistake! Nous attendons pour ever pour le menus avec ne pas de boire. Le tongue de pauvre Davide hung out et Michel L etre quite faint avec l'experience!

Premier Jour – Golf Barriere de St Julien

Le premier trou (hole pour les Anglais) etre a longue carry sur le petit rivière. Quel surprise, Guillaume topped le ball short of le hazard, Perceval S scuffed le ball sur la tee femme, et Davide perdue son balle dans l'eau!

Pour mois le round etre ok mais j'ai un mal a la stomach, which was pas de problem until trou numero huit quand je had to trouve un petit bois pour un crap!! Quel embarrasement quand je decouvre je n'ai pas de Kleenex ou handkerchief!!

Le jour belonged a Guillaume qui gagne avec 33 points de moi e Ken avec 30. Guillaume gagne le plus grand drive et le près du pin aussi.

Deuxième Jour – Golf Club de Champs de Bataille

Le deuxième jour will be remembered quand Ken declare à la quatrième trou qu'il fait “le perfect drive”, pas de “horrible”, pas de “all right”, mais “perfect”, quel était un très grand surprise!

Pour Adrien, un par trois sur un lac etre disaster. Le premier ball etre dans l'eau. Après un drop, le deuxième ball etre dans le bunker à la derrière de la green avec le prospect de shot numero quatre sur le bunker. Je offered to stand comme un backstop a la derrière de la green just in case Adrien's bunker shot etre pas tres gentil. Quel surprise, le ball fizzed across le green et je dived a le droit pour le save de la saison!

C'était la plus jolie et difficile course mais, je gagne avec 32 points de Nicolas avec 29 et Ewan avec 28. Le plus grand "perfect" drive de Ken et moi le près du pin.

Troisième Jour – Golf Barrière du Deauville

Je remember cette jour pour un incident particulier de Perceval S. Pour le umpeenteenth time Percy était dans l'arbres avec son balle cinq centimètres à cote de la 150 mètre post. J'explained que le post could be removed avec pas de penalty. Alors, Percy's practise swing était trop close, desturbé le balle et quell bad luck, le ball tombé dans le post hole, quel dommage et un penalty!!

Pour le record le long awaited "surge" de la capitaine Nicolas était très brief et Monsieur Consistent Ken C gagne avec 30 points de mois avec 29 et Guillaume 28. Le plus grand drive pas de "perfect" mais "alright" était Ken avec le près du pin, Nicolas.

Quatrième Jour - Omaha Beach

Après un grand journey in Percy's verte campavan, nous arrivons à Omaha dans le vent et le drizzle.

Par coincidence c'était l'anniversaire de la Normandie landings de WWII et nous regardons la cerimonie a la derrière de la seixième green avec les veterans Americains, Canadiennes, Anglais et Ecosais avec un view des cliffs de Omaha Beach où le debacle de le landings happened.

Aujourd'hui je joue avec Ken et Percy. A la onzième trou un par trois où le vent était très brut, Ken et moi attendez avec un cinq wood et un driving iron respectivement. Nous regardons le club de Percy, un sept iron. "Non Percy" nous expliquons le sept iron et pas de assez dans le vent. Il return le clubs dans son golf sac. Il pense pour un minute ou deux, alore, il choisi les six iron!!

Ken et moi shook notre tetes quand Percy laid up avec son six iron leaving un full neuf iron a la green! Quel surprise!!

Le resultats de jour avec un "grande" surge a la derrère neuf était Nicolas avec 32 de Ken 32 et Percy 31. Michel gagne le plus grand drive mais il may jamais collecte son prize se Ewan et Davide He had not pulled him up the plus grand hill de la dixhuitième trou!!

Cinquième Jour - Golf Barrière du Deauville

Nous retournons à Deauville, et c'était "better than sex"!

Perceval got très excité quand Adrian dropped son shorts pour un wee-wee et Perceval caught un vue de le bum!

Ewan thinned a bunker shot à la dix-huitième et nearly broke le fenetre d'hotel. Et à la dix-septième par trois, Nicolas fait un cou remarkable a deux mètre. C'était près du pin et Nicolas dit les mots "c'est better than sex". Mais only pour un moment quand Ken fait un cou plus magnificent et beau ("Ken's mots"). Ken managed a wry smile but did not claim his shot était "better than sex", thus proving what passes for good sex in the life of the average Irons member est très different!

Seizième Jour – Saint Saens

Quel surprise! Nous arrivons a jour six et Ken était dans la lead. A la première trou, je prend les photo de le golf swings – très incriminating! Pour tous le jour nous suivrons les femmes lentement. A trou seize, Guillaume et Davide He depart! Et quand nous avons fini nous all rushed pour notre voitures et raced a la channel Tunnel!

Adrien texted les resultats! Ken gagnons le jour et le competition et Nicolas était le deuxième après un petit surge to overtake moi! Everyone arrived home safely including Adrien et moi despite missing our train, quelle dommage!!

Résultats: Golf Barrière de Saint-Julien – 4th Juin 2007

Position	Nom	Stableford Score	Spey Bay Trophy Points
1 st	Guillaume P	33	12
2 nd	Marc B	30	9
=	Ken C	30	9
4 th	Ewan H	27	7
5 th	Adrien T	25	6
6 th	Michel L	24	5
7 th	Davide He	20	4
8 th	Perceval S	19	3
9 th	Nicolas H	18	2

Résultats: Golf Club du Champ de Bataille - 5th Juin 2007

Placing	Name	Stableford Score	Spey Bay Trophy Points
1 st	Marc B	32	12
2 nd	Nicolas H	29	10
3 rd	Ewan H	28	8
4 th	Ken C	27	7
5 th	Guillaume P	23	6
6 th	Adrien T	20	5
7 th	Michel L	17	4
=	Perceval S	17	3
9 th	Davide He	Rétire	2

Résultats: Golf Barrière de Deauville – 6th Juin 2007

Placing	Name	Stableford Score	Spey Bay Trophy Points
1 st	Ken C	30	12
2 nd	Marc B	29	10
3 rd	Guillaume P	28	8
4 th	Ewan H	27	7
5 th	Nicolas H	26	6
6 th	Michel L	24	5
7 th	Perceval S	23	4
8 th	Adrien T	14	3
Injuré	Davide He		

Résultats: Golf d'Omaha Beach – 7th Juin 2007

Placing	Name	Stableford Score	Spey Bay Trophy Points
1 st	Nicolas H	32	11
=	Ken C	32	11
3 rd	Perceval S	31	8
4 th	Marc B	30	6.5
=	Ewan H	30	6.5
6 th	Davide He	28	5
7 th	Adrien T	25	4
8 th	Guillaume P	20	3
9 th	Michel L	19	2

Résultats: Golf Barrière de Deauville – 8th Juin 2007

Placing	Name	Stableford Score	Spey Bay Trophy Points
1 st	Ken C	32	12
2 nd	Ewan H	28	8.33
=	Perceval S	28	8.33
=	Nicolas H	28	8.33
5 th	Marc B	23	6
6 th	Michel L	21	4.5
=	Guillaume P	21	4.5
8 th	Adrien T	18	2.5
=	Davide He	18	2.5

Résultats: Golf Hotel de Saint-Saens – 9th Juin 2007

Placing	Name	Stableford Score	Spey Bay Trophy Points
1 st	Ken C	37	12
2 nd	Nicolas H	33	9
	Adrien T	33	9
4 th	Michel L	30	7
5 th	Perceval S	29	5.5
=	Marc B	29	5.5
7 th	Guillaume P	22	3.5
=	Ewan H	22	3.5
9 th	Davide He	18	2

Spey Bay Trophy final placings (Made up of the four Best Scores (Eurovision Points) which had to include the final Day at Saint Saens)

Final Placings	Name	Spey Bay Trophy Points
1 st	Ken C	47.0 (Gagnant)
2 nd	Nicoals H	38.33
3 rd	Marc B	36.5
4 th	Guillaume P	29.5
5 th	Ewan H	26.8
6 th	Perceval S	25.5
7 th	Adrien T	24.0
8 th	Michel L	21.5
9 th	Davide He	15.5

REPORTS: WOKEFIELD PARK 1ST JULY 2007

This was our experimental day out to travel West down the M4 corridor far enough to lure the likes of Gary, Joan and Steve to attend, and it worked. Mind you the old dears needed an overnight stay to feel comfortable and thus invited a group including Ken, Nick and Richard to practise on the Saturday. Well it didn't do them any good as Percy won the day with 36 points!

However, the main event of the day was not the stableford contest but a titanic battle between two heavyweights of the Society in the second round of the knock-out competition, Trevor P and Godfrey J.

Trevor won the first three holes before Godfrey stopped the rot with a ten net nine for a half at the fourth. By the turn it was all square, before Trevor sneaked ahead at the eleventh. Godfrey hit back with a net par at the short twelfth. Shocked by Godfrey's audacious move Trevor's riposte was a seven to win the par 4 thirteenth.

Was Godfrey finished? Not a bit of it, he tore into the long par 5 fourteenth and after 561 yards, he did not even need his shot to beat Trevor's 10 with a cool 9, and all square. The fifteenth was halved and neither finished the sixteenth. At the decisive seventeenth Godfrey played his trump card and from the depths of his golfing prowess found a par 3, Trevor must have felt quite cheated but one down, he still had the eighteenth par 5 to salvage a half. Trevor had to forget the fact that at the previous par fives he had scored 9, blob, 10 but dig deep and find some form.

But Godfrey had him where he wanted and as they made their way slowly up the long hill to the clubhouse he was always one step ahead and a comfortable nine was enough to ease himself past the not insubstantial figure of Trevor and into the next round where he will face his partner Ian T in a duel of uncompromising niceness and some very generous gimmies!

The course at Wokefield Park was the real winner and we will be back next year if they will have us!

Report: Mark B

Placing	Name	Stableford Score	President Balls Points
1 st	Percy S	36	12
2 nd	Michael K	32	9
=	Gary L	32	9
4 th	Mark B	31	6.5
=	Ian T	31	6.5
6 th	Mick H	30	4
=	Joan C	30	4
=	Steve P	30	4
9 th	Nick H	29	1.5
=	Ewan H	29	1.5

REPORTS: ANTWERP (EUROGAMES) 12TH -15TH JULY 2007

Our first European competitive sporting experience was to happen in the sleepy groves of Belgium. Before visiting this country, we already had prejudicial visions of flat, boring fields bereft of anything particularly interesting or exciting, and we were going to a place, Antwerp, that according to Mark had nothing of note to mention, so we would be in for a dull boring holiday, how can judgments be so completely wrong!

Our host for the trip was none other than that famous Belgium golfer Eric F, with whom we had met at Weston earlier this year and were looking forward to meeting up with again. On arrival we realised immediately that we had stumbled into a seriously rich neighbourhood where the houses were so impressive it had Mark dribbling and drooling over their architecture for the rest of the weekend. We were staying at Eric's house which has to be seen to be believed, along with his German guest Christophe, and our ever so charming Captain H. After a pleasant evening meal, we all had early nights on Thursday as Friday was the big day for us high handicap golfers!

We arrived at the golf course on time on Friday, notwithstanding Eric's hissy fit over the closing of his automatic gates which left us all flabbergasted, and calmly set about preening ourselves for the big tee off. Today, was my lucky day, Mark had kindly agreed to caddy for me, which was a scary proposition in itself. After playing the first few holes of the course, I realised that I would need all the attention and tender loving care possible...fat chance of that materialising as Mark had also begun to realise that he really didn't fancy playing this course himself tomorrow in the elite competition, let alone caddy for his errant partner.

In all honesty the course was not suitable for this type of competition, narrow, tight fairways, lakes, peninsula greens, you name it, it possessed it, so for the three medal winners, it was a highly successful haul for the Irons household. In reverse order, Bronze medal went to me, with 28 points, silver to Christophe with 29 and in first place, with 30pts on home soil to Eric. A fantastic result which we were all thrilled with and celebrated in town that evening with a very pleasant meal!

On Saturday, after our successes, we slept in whilst Mark went off to play in the elite competition early. Little did we realise just how elite the competition was until later in the day. Following success in the golf, I went off to the ballroom, set alongside the spectacular Antwerp harbour estuary, to compete in the Latin dancing competition with my dance partner Neil. Though not as successful in medal terms as my placing in the golf, I was well pleased with 4th place after dancing better than I had ever done before.

Then arrived, the dreaded call from Mark, as per normal there had to be some peculiar circumstances, which meant that Mark had played terribly – far worse than I had the previous day, but still managed to win the gold medal! Only because – he was in such an elite group, there were only two competitors, and the other one won the gross prize, so though completely pissed off as only Mark can be, he trudged home with a gold medal – though I must say that next year, it would be much better if all the irons elite golfers played then at least if he won he would be happy, and if he did not he would still have something to moan about!! Well done also to Alan W who won Bronze medal in the division two category.

That evening I had persuaded everyone to join me at Ballroom. There was a fantastic cabaret act with the winning medallists performing their routines, which enthralled Eric and company and proved to be a really spectacular end to a great day with the opportunity for me to prance about as well!

After the ball was over around 1.30am, we then walked down to the next warehouse alongside the docks to join in the Eurogames Party, which was full of sexy men, strutting their stuff on platforms, and we met our golfing friends from Germany- Ottmar, Michael and Wolfgang, and from France- Sylvain and Loic at the party. We left at 3.30am knowing that we were playing golf again tomorrow at Eric's home course and went back to Eric's for a well earned rest.

On Sunday, we then packed for our trip home and set off for Eric's home course a few kilometres away. After the excitement of the weekend, a friendly fourball better ball competition was in order so Captain and Vice Captain against the Belgian gold medallist and me. Of course, Mark thinking that lightning could not possibly strike twice in three days paired himself with Nick. Unfortunately, he was wrong as Maestro T and a little nervous Belgian on his home course slaughtered Captain and Vice Captain 6&5. After this match was concluded by the 13th, I then suggested we have a Red Bull five hole competition to finish the day off and keep some interest in the golf. This was based on who scored the most number of points over the final five holes, I was in the groove and sealed victory with a 5 at the last for three points, and a winning total of 9 points, as both Captain and Vice Captain blobbed the last to remain on 6pts!

All in all, we had a fantastic weekend, thanks not only to Eric and his superb skill as a host but also to the Eurogames management. For an event on this scale, with so many people it was well organised and punctual. The registration and collection of tickets etc which had been done via the internet was a breeze and the people of Antwerp really made us all feel very welcome. After such an experience, I will certainly be competing in the dancing competition in Barcelona and I know there is a great lobby already gathering pace for a golf competition to be organised as well, so I wholeheartedly hope for a much greater presence from the Irons at next year's games, if only just to stop Mark moaning about winning a medal!

Report: Adrian T

REPORTS: WALES TOUR JULY 18TH TO 22ND 2007

I suppose three and a half days of fine weather was about as much as we could have hoped for, it is July after all! The rainy bits were dire but nevertheless the majority of us paddled on regardless.

The hotel proved to be a success and Margaret and her husband certainly went out of their way to make our stay with them a pleasant one. Also, I think that for the majority of us the experiment of eating at the club after golf was a success. At least it prevented separate groups of Irons going off in different directions trawling the streets of Newport searching for restaurants.

Wednesday at Cwmbran was definitely an experience, especially for those of us who are heavy busted. It was a shame that the course had suffered so much rain because it meant that we were prevented from hiring buggies. They would certainly have been a help on such a hilly course and might have prevented me going purple and gasping for air by the time I had climbed to the 4th tee. A diet might have done the same thing but that's no fun is it? James L won today with 35pts, Ian T was 2nd with 34 and I wheezed into 3rd with 31pts. Craig won the nearest -the-pin and Dave Ho won the long drive.

As I left the 18th at Cwmbran I asked Craig if he would help me carry the excess drinks, fruit and sweets back to my car. However, when we got to the 1st tee I discovered that all the bottles of water had gone and that I was able to carry everything. I excused Craig of his duties but, as later became apparent, that wasn't quite what Craig heard! 10 minutes later when we were having a giggle at my car, a very irate member came charging up the path asking why we had his golf clubs next to my car. This was a surprise to all of us but as he stormed off back to the first tee Craig confessed to having pulled them up from the 1st tee as he thought they were mine. The member had played his shot off the 1st, gone back to the side of the tee to put his club away, only to find out that his bag and trolley had disappeared. Naturally, it took some time before he located them again.....

Thursday at Llanwern was another lovely day but the course played long and difficult for all us - some more than others. Fresh at the event today, Gareth N won with a very respectable score of 31pts. Clarke was 2nd on 30 beating Craig into 3rd on the back 9. Ewan and Percy came in next on 29. Dave Ho once again saved his best for just two shots today and won both the long drive and nearest the pin but failed to feature in the main event - that must just go to show that, in the big scheme of things, length and accuracy are both very overrated !!

Whilst sat in Llanwern clubhouse waiting for dinner the heavens opened and play the following day at Woodlake Park seemed a little doubtful. Nevertheless, everything went ahead as planned although Friday morning's persistent rain made a few less hardy souls withdraw. I personally enjoyed Woodlake Park tremendously and paddled through it all to win with 33pts. I had the most entertaining of rounds with Roger and Adrian, I've never thought much of my putting ability but certainly felt better having witnessed their exhibition. I can safely say in 40 years of golf I have never seen so many putts disappear off greens into either thick rough or a bunker. As fast as I had taken the pin out for someone to putt I had to put it back in again and wait for them to exchange their putter for a sand-iron. As depressing as I regarded my 3 three-putts, they eventually paled into insignificance. It was lovely to see Andrew G in his usual butch mode as he outdrove us all at the 17th and Richard Bla finished very close to the 14th to win the nearest-the-pin. Both my opponents hit the 14th but a couple of putts later, they could both be found floundering around in the bunker to the left of the pin.

James continued his rich vein of form with 32pts, Gareth was once again in the prizes on 31, Andrew G came 4th with 28pts and Terry H squelched into the prizes on 27.

The rain on Friday squashed any attempt at sartorial elegance but I am pleased to announce that the winner of the look-alike competition for the day goes to Ewan for his uncanny likeness to a smurf. It was the Father Abraham hat worn at such a jaunty angle that clinched it for him. In second place was the only slightly less convincing impression of a chav by Ken. He had the Burberry t-shirt but failed to add the compulsory music box to the undercarriage of his electric trolley. Good attempt Ken but must try harder!!

As the weather had been so foul all day on Friday, again it seemed unlikely that we would play the following day. Bryn Meadows is wetter than most courses so I made provisions with Woodlake Park to occupy their afternoon starting times in case Bryn Meadows was closed. As it transpired, most of us wish Bryn Meadows had indeed been closed. I received a frosty reception from the pro-shop assistant at Bryn Meadows who wasn't best pleased at the numerous change of numbers - I think he must be paid on a commission basis for it to be the slightest bit relevant to him.

The day's events only compounded the club's unfriendly and unprofessional manner and not only did we have to suffer disgusting weather but were literally forced to let groups of juniors through for no reason whatsoever. As we were keeping pace with the rest of the field, there was no logical reason for this to be requested of us and a most improper gesture on behalf of the club via the club captain. He seemed adamant that it was common courtesy to allow a 2 ball to play through, but as Ken correctly pointed out to him, at a resort course with starting times from early morning to late afternoon and as we were keeping pace with the rest of the field, this etiquette was somewhat irrelevant and redundant. Unfortunately it fell on deaf ears and various groups of juniors came charging through without so much as a by-or-leave! This did nothing for my blood pressure as I could feel the vibes of frustration from you all, pulsing around the course.

Stephen H arrived today and on Welsh home soil won with 36pts. Kevin was second on 35, James was 3rd with 35, Gene was 4th and I was 5th losing to everyone on the back 9, also with 35. A compensating feature was that I won the best gross today with a 78, MOBK 2nd with 79, Andrew G 3rd with 80 and Stephen H 4th with 81. Andrew won the nearest-the-pin but James pipped him for the long drive.

The course at Bryn Meadows had many subtleties and with trees carefully placed, it posed a good challenge to golfers of all standards. Martin played with Trevor today and was pleased to report that he witnessed Trevor at his most thoughtful. As Trevor laid up short of the ditch on the 17th with his 3rd shot he astutely noticed that he was blocked out by the tree on the right hand side of the fairway. Undaunted, he announced to Martin that he didn't mind as he would have the opportunity to play one of his more creative shots. I guess he quickly eliminated the choice of a lob shot over the top of the tree as an option. However, Martin enjoyed watching Trevor carefully lay up 10 yards in front of him just to the left of tree. Avoiding the tree, Trevor was on for 5 and down for 7 net 6. All that effort for no points and the Pink Pot could be seen looming over the horizon!

The last day we were off to Peterstone Lakes and better weather awaited us. James once again played beautifully today for 40pts and with the win cemented the prize for the best 3 scores in Wales. Eddy M was 2nd with 38pts, followed in 3rd by Kevin with 36, 4th was Ken, also with 36 and 5th Dave Ho, losing 2nd,3rd & 4th all on the back 9. Poor Gene also had 36 and lost to 4 players on the back 9 to finish 6th. Percy won the prize for the best net score on the short holes with 12 points for the 5 holes. Congratulations to Richard B for sneaking past Stephen H in 'extra time' in the matchplay today.

In the Wales event for the best 3 scores out of the 5 available, (scored on the Eurovision system) James was a clear winner with 34 points beating me into second with 27.8 and Gareth 3rd with 20.

Bessie's Bowl is awarded for the best 7 scores out of the 11 available in Weston and Wales, also scored on the Eurovision system. It gave me great pleasure to win with 63.8, Eddy M was 2nd with 33.7 and Sharley, following her strong showing at the Weston event, was 3rd with 26.5. Narrowly missing out on the prizes was Ken with 26 Eurovision Points.

Finally, due to the untimely retirement of various Irons during either Weston or Wales, the Pink Pot would have been shared by those who handed in a no-return. It was therefore decided that the Pink Pot should be awarded for the fewest number of points achieved over a number of events. Following a most consistent show of mediocrity, with scores of 15, 15, 16, 18, 20, 20 the Pink Pot was convincingly won by Trevor P. Still, at least Trevor was able to bring his creativity into play at Bryn Meadows. It would have been sacrilege not to have been able to use it.

WEST COUNTRY EVENTS 2008

On the grounds that attendances are as high as ever, I have assumed that it is appropriate to make plans for next year's events. I have researched the dates of the British Open and the Gay Eurogames of 2008 and avoided both dates when choosing for which dates to book the hotel next year. I can advise that the dates of the Welsh Trip in 2008 will be 9th - 13th July inclusive. The British Open is the following week and the Gay Eurogames in Barcelona are the week after that. At present golf is not on the official list of events but there are plans afoot to run a golf event in Barcelona.

I have re-booked the Newport Lodge Hotel for the appropriate nights and also made a provisional booking for a dinner at the hotel on the Saturday night.

The dates for the Weston holiday will be 1st - 5th May inclusive, ending on May Day Bank Holiday Monday. The Royal Hotel has already been booked for those dates.

I hope you all enjoyed yourselves in Wales as much as I did. Despite the weather and a few hiccoughs along the way and considering it was a new venture it seemed to meet with most people's approval.

Many thanks to you all for attending, without you all wanting to come it would make my work a little pointless. Also, many thanks for the kind gift, which although is not at all necessary, is much appreciated.

Report : Gary L

Results: Greenmead - Cwmbran – 18th July 2007

Placing	Name	Stableford Score	Spey Bay Trophy Points
1 st	James L	35	12
2 nd	Ian T	34	10
3 rd	Gary L	31	8
4 th	Godfrey J	30	6.5
=	Dave Ho	30	6.5
6 th	Clarke H	27	5
7 th	Jason C	26	2.5
=	Mick H	26	2.5
=	Eddy M	26	2.5
=	Ewan H	26	2.5

Results: Llanwern – 19th July 2007

Placing	Name	Stableford Score	Spey Bay Trophy Points
1 st	Gareth N	31	12
2 nd	Clarke H	30	9
=	Craig C	30	9
4 th	Ewan H	29	6.5
=	Percy S	29	6.5
6 th	Eddy M	27	3.5
=	Nye J	27	3.5
=	David He	27	3.5
=	Ken C	27	3.5
10 th	Richard B	26	1

Results: Woodlake Park – 20th July 2007

Placing	Name	Stableford Score	Spey Bay Trophy Points
1 st	Gary L	33	12
2 nd	James L	32	10
3 rd	Gareth N	31	8
4 th	Andrew G	28	7
5 th	Terry H	27	6
6 th	Gene S	26	4.5
=	Richard Bla	26	4.5
8 th	Stewart F	25	3
9 th	Clarke H	24	1.5
=	Ju Y	24	1.5

Results: Bryn Meadows – 21ST July 2007

Placing	Name	Stableford Score	Spey Bay Trophy Points
1 st	Steven H	36	12
2 nd	Gary L	35	7.75
=	James L	35	7.75
=	Kevin D	35	7.75
=	Gene S	35	7.75
6 th	Michael K	33	5
=	Andrew G	32	4
8 th	Ken C	31	2
=	Martin H	31	2
=	Richard Bla	31	2

Results: Peterstone Lakes – 22nd July 2007

Placing	Name	Stableford Score	Spey Bay Trophy Points
1 st	James L	40	12
2 nd	Eddy M	38	10
=	Kevin D	36	6.5
=	Ken C	36	6.5
=	Dave Ho	36	6.5
=	Gene S	36	6.5
7 th	Gary L	34	4
8 th	Mark B	32	2
=	Richard Bla	32	2
=	Ian T	32	2

OVERALL RESULTS FOR WALES TROPHY (BEST THREE OUT OF FIVE EVENTS COUNTED)

Placing	Name	Wales Trophy
1 st	James L	34.0
2 nd	Gary L	27.75
3 rd	Gareth N	20.0
4 th	Gene S	18.8
5 th	Eddy M	16.0
6 th	Clarke H	15.5
7 th	Kevin D	14.2
8 th	Dave Ho	13.0
9 th	Ken C	12.0
=	Steven H	12.0
=	Ian T	12.0
12 th	Andrew G	11.0
13 th	Craig C	9.0
=	Ewan H	9.0
15 th	Richard Bla	8.5
16 th	Percy S	6.5
=	Godfrey J	6.5
18 th	Terry H	6.0
19 th	Michael K	4.5
20 th	David He	3.5
=	Nye J	3.5
22 nd	Stewart F	3.0
23 rd	Jason C	2.5
=	Mick H	2.5
25 th	Mark B	2.0
=	Martin H	2.0
26 th	Ju Y	1.5
27 th	Richard B	1.0

**OVERALL STANDINGS FOR BESSIES BOWL
LEADERBOARD**
(BEST SEVEN OUT OF ELEVEN COUNT
FROM WESTON AND WALES AND MUST BE
PARTICIPANTS AT BOTH EVENTS)

Placing	Name	Bessie Bowls Points
1 st	Gary L	63.8 Pts
2 nd	Eddy M	33.7 Pts
3 rd	Sharley-Clare B	26.5 Pts
4 th	Ken C	26.0 Pts
5 th	Richard Bla	21.8 Pts
6 th	Jason C	20.7 Pts
7 th	Dave Ho	19.5 Pts
8 th	Percy S	18.5 Pts
9 th	Clarke H	18.0 Pts
10 th	Steven H	17.0 Pts
11 th	Steve P	14.5 Pts
12 th	Mark B	13.0 Pts
=	Trevor P	13.0 Pts
14 th	Adrian	12.8 Pts
=	Ju Y	12.8 Pts
16 th	John C	11.0 Pts
17 th	Stewart F	10.0 Pts
18 th	Craig C	9.0 Pts
19 th	Nick H	8.0 Pts
20 th	Richard B	7.5 Pts
=	Michael K	7.5 Pts
22 nd	Terry H	6.0 Pts
=	David He	6.0 Pts

CURRENT PRESIDENT BALL'S LEADERBOARD

(AFTER FIVE EVENTS)

(THE SIX BEST SUNDAY SCORES COUNT)

Only, Hainault, Farleigh Court and
Silvermere left to play)

Placing	Name	President Ball's Points
1 st	Adrian T	30.50 Pts
2 nd	Dave Ho	26.00 Pts
3 rd	Percy S	24.50 Pts
4 th	Kevin D	23.00 Pts
5 th	Peter H	21.00 Pts
6 th	Ewan H	18.83 Pts
7 th	Mark B	16.50 Pts
8 th	Ian T	14.50 Pts
9 th	Gene S	13.00 Pts
=	Mick H	13.00 Pts
11 th	Melissa C	11.00 Pts
=	Ken C	11.00 Pts
13 th	Michael K	9.00 Pts
=	Gary L	9.00 Pts
15 th	Ju Y	8.00 Pts
16 th	Nick H	6.50 Pts
17 th	Stephen H	6.00 Pts
18 th	Trevor P	5.50 Pts
19 th	Clarke H	4.00 Pts
=	John C	4.00 Pts
=	Steve P	4.00 Pts
22 nd	Martin H	3.00 Pts
23 rd	David He	1.00 Pts
24 th	Michael L	0.50 Pts
25 th	Sharley B	0.33 Pts
=	Peter St	0.33 Pts

MEMBER'S CURRENT HANDICAP LIST (as of 12.08.07)

Name	Exact Handicap	Strokes Received
David A	23.7	24
Roger B	20.4	20
Keith B	22.1	22
Richard Bla	10.5	11
Mark B	14	14
Richard B	15.9	16
Andrew B	7.6	8
Melissa C	25	25
Sharley-Clare B	20.6	21
Craig C	15	15
Ken C	10.7	11
John C	14.7	15
Jason C	23.8	24
Roger C	22.8	23
Alistair C	27.2	27
Kevin D	15.4	15
Iain D	11.8	12
Steve E	36	36
Stewart F	19.3	19
Neil G	8.8	9
Chris G	14.1	14
Bryan G	27.6	28
Andrew G	4.6	5
Terry H	33.6	34
Natasha H	36	36
Mick H	19.7	20
Rachel H	31.2	31
Martin H	10.8	11
Clarke H	33.6	34
Nick H	25.1	25
David He	18.8	19
Peter H	18	18
Steven H	9.4	9
Ewan H	22.9	23
Dave Ho	10.3	10
James H	10.6	11
Martin Hu	10.3	10
Martin J	22.1	22
Godfrey J	31	31
Michael K	4	4
Gary L	5.6	6
Philip L	27.3	27
Michael L	31.2	31
James L	12.3	12
Vincent M	18.1	18
Eddie M	11.4	11
Ron M	20.2	20
Simon M	28.5	29
Michelle M	33.2	33
Linda M	7.1	7
Gareth N	11.3	11
Steve P	20.9	21
Will P	21.4	21
Karen P	24.5	25
Trevor P	26	26
Jan S	13.3	13
Percy S	25.8	26
Wesley S	26.5	27
Eddie S	16.6	17
Bill S	21.6	22
Peter St	29.6	30
Peter S	28.3	28
Gene S	12.3	12
Takashi S	18.0	18
Ian T	17.4	17
Lucille T	33.8	34
Michael T	16.5	17
Adrian T	27.6	28
Stephen W	14.2	14
Trevor W	17.4	17
Michelle W	10.9	11
Marion W	36	36
Alan W	16.1	16
Ju Y	17.5	18
Diana	29.1	29
Ali	36.0	36

IRONS KNOCKOUT COMPETITION.(FULL HANDICAP)

PERCY S
DAVE HO

PERCY S

BILL S
Bye _____

BILL S

JU Y
CLARKE H

CLARKE H

CLARKE H

EDDY M
Bye _____

EDDY M

PETER H
TREVOR P

TREVOR P

GODFREY J

GODFREY J
bye _____

GODFREY J

SHARLEY CLARE B
IAN T

IAN T

IAN T

NICK H
Bye _____

NICK H

RON M
Bye _____

RON M

JASON C

JASON C
ADRIAN T

JASON C

STEPHEN H
Bye _____

STEPHEN H

RICHARD B

RICHARD B
MARK B

RICHARD B

CRAIG C
Bye _____

CRAIG C

CRAIG C

EWAN H
TERRY H

EWAN H

KEN C
Bye _____

KEN C

KEN C

DAVID HE
Bye _____

DAVID HE

2007 Programme of Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Organiser(s)</i>
1st August 2007	Brighton Invitational (BLAGS)	NON-IRONS EVENT(Helen W
5th August 2007	Hainault	CLARKE H
2nd September 2007	Farleigh Court	EWAN H
20th September – 23rd September 2007	Belton Woods (Autumn Tour)	NICK H & MARK B
29th September – 30th September 2007	Rainbow German Open, Schwerin	NON-IRONS EVENT (Michael W, Ottmar M and Wolfgang S)
7th October 2007	Silvermere	DAVE HO
26th October – 28th October 2007	Thorpeness (Captains Weekend)	MARK B & ADRIAN T



Next Event:
2nd September 2007

Venue
Farleigh Court

Organiser:
Ewan H

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