

Sunday 28th June 2026

The TBAGS 2026 Tour “Dumfries Re-visited”

Over the last few years we've had 16 tourists and this year started out as no exception - then unfortunately we were down to 15 and scrambling for a replacement. The scramble turned out to be hugely successful and we ended up with three enthusiastic replacements - Andy Wallis, Andy Barker and John Teggin. Despite being totally mystified by the MOTD proceedings all three (at least as far as I know!) enjoyed the tour - to the extent that one is to join TBAGS and the other two are threatening to join the Tour next year!

Following the traditional breakfast meeting at Tebay we assembled at the first stop of the Tour . . .

DUMFRIES & COUNTY GC: A parkland course with our first tee at 1pm. Skip introduced the somewhat complex mix of competitions and how the scoring worked. The guests looked totally blank and TBAGS members ignored everything that was said and headed for the first tee.

Group 1: A 3-ball made up of Richie (renowned for his game on away courses), Jenks a previous Tour Winner (and can talk the hind leg off a donkey) and Archie, who doesn't appear to be as happy as his playing partners in the photo!



Group 1:
Richie, Jenks, Che
All smiles at the start
. . . well almost



Group 2: Skip, J. Teg, Tigger

Group 2: Another 3-ball, Skip (previous Tour Winner), John Teg (freshly arrived from Aberdeen - when I asked him for his WHI, he said “Er yer what?”, good job he's a red!) and Tigger (yes - he did arrive at Tebay!). The Teggin had a mixed day - Tigger fared somewhat better.

Group 3: The first 4-ball. Gaz, Jon (previous Tour Winer and pretending to be small), Baz (looking very confident), Big Al (looking amused at his playing partners).



Group 4: As the photo states “a motley crew. Although probably the best group for TBAGS kit!. Denzil, Pontiff (previous Tour Winner), Andy B, Dunny. Three long serving members of TBAGS (ie aging a tad) and a sand-bagger imported from somewhere round Dublin. Don’t ask him about his handicap - he’ll give you a

longwinded story about shoulder surgery - blah, blah, blah . . .

Group 5: And bringing up the rear - another motley crew. Andy W (a Burnley supporter - but we’ll forgive him - maybe), Stephen (who is the organiser of this great tradition of touring with TBAGS), Alec (if only I could chip I’d be a good golfer) Campbell, and quietly confident on the right Phil McMudoo, Maemidlew, McMildrook, - just Phil. As an aside, Phil has played these courses before and was distinctly heard telling an innocent guest that D&C was a flat course (!!).



As expected the hustler from Dublin marched off with NTP and the 2's pot. He also came third overall - just one point off second placed Jenks who scored 35 pts. The clear winner was the man who announces himself at Tebay - Tigger! Well played Ian.

After dinner in the busy restaurant we adjourned to another room to spare the blushes of the other hotel residents. As per normal there were many MOTD's to choose from. Group 3 provided an easy one. Being a 4-ball they were about a hole and a bit behind us as we made the turn, when all of a sudden they appeared next to the 10th tee as we were driving off. "Where's the 9th tee?" says Jon. "At the bottom of the steep hill you've just climbed!" we replied. Big Al's face was a picture! Even though our three guests did not know Dunny he somehow managed to impress and took MOTD Day 1.

SOUTHERNESS GC: A beautiful links about 30 minutes drive from the hotel. The weather was perfect - a bit of wind but sunny and dry. The car park was packed when we arrived so the course was busy but once playing we rarely came across other groups. I'm probably biased as I really enjoy links golf - but in my opinion this is a great course and well worth our second visit.

Making a comeback to the winners circle Pontiff took the NTP on the rather difficult 17th hole (Skip had forgotten). The 2's pot was shared by Jenks and Phil. Second place was shared by Baz and Gaz (this time not in the same buggy with scores of 35 pts. And first place was taken by Phil (I told you he looked confident) with a great score of 36.

After a cooling pint, back to the hotel and the minibus for a pint in town. For those who made it to Wetherspoons (where decent beer was on tap) TBAGS was entertained with a march past to mark the excellent scoring at Southernness (well I think that was the reason).

The lady in the bottom left of the photo is the lady in the green dress. At this point she was making a rapid getaway from Dunny and Al who had cornered her at the bar!





Italian restaurant for dinner. Mr Wallis treating Skip to a serious conversation about something or other that was so important I've forgotten. Thankfully the room was entirely ours so conversation was free and easy.

MOTD 2 was now wide open as the guests got into the swing of things and a good helping of revenge was handed out. Alec was a noticeably low scorer - perhaps something to do with Peroni 00? Mr Jenks came in for some stick and won MOTD with some ease.

Big Al's handicap had been mentioned several times during the days golf. It turned out that not only was his handicap very high - but so was his age! his 80th birthday two days after the Tour. We have such admiration for Al that we brought in (at enormous expense) a renowned speaker to celebrate this achievement. Mr Ian Dunn gave a wide ranging talk on Al's achievement culminating in a vivid description of why he is known as Big Al . . . Happy Birthday Al . . . !

LOCHMABEN GC: As is clear in the photo (apologies for the three 'golfers'), is a parkland course set around a loch (bit of a surprise!). It is a complete contrast to the Southernness links from the day before. It also has its surprises.



Hole 1 lulls you into a false sense of security - straight down a 'valley' and onto the green - easy. Then you turn back into a ridiculous par 3 steeply uphill with a small green which runs away at the back into rough.

Scores were a little lower that day 2 apart from the odd exception - a late night perhaps? We had decided to run 2x NTPs on this last day with a bottle of wine for one of them - but with the added jeopardy of not declaring which one got the sleeve of balls and which the wine.

Clearly we hadn't thought through the possibilities - Jon Morgan won both NTPs and the 2's pot! A rethink required for next year perhaps?

Then the bombshell - up the stairs bounded the 80-year old himself declaring loudly that he'd scored forty points! 40 effing points with a handicap of 36ish !! Anyway that's the last time he gets a bottle of wine for his birthday and a guest speaker!

Barry came in a very creditable second with 35 points but a full 5 points behind day 3 winner - Big Al on 40 points.

The spread in scores over the three days was nearly 36 points. Six players scored 90 or more points and two scored 100 or more . . .

6th: Andy B scored 90

3rd equal: Jon, Phil, Big Al scored 94

2nd: Barry scored 101

1st: Tigger scored 103

Ian has been knocking on the door of this trophy for the last two years and he thoroughly deserves this win. 39, 31, 33 points over three days is great scoring. You can tell by the smile in the photo that he's pleased. Well done Ian!



Thanks once again to Len Laithwaite for donating this beautiful trophy a few years ago. Thanks Len!

The following pages contain the results of the various competitions we run during the Tour including any Order of Merit points you may have gained.

“Ryder Cup” Results: After a decisive win by the Reds last year the Blues came back with a match-winning Singles day to take the prize - a Southernness ballmarker !

The ‘Ryder Cup’ Competition:

Red vs Blue

Day 1	Red Pairs		Pts	Win	Pts	Blue Pairs	
1		Jenks	35	Blue	39	Tigger	
2	Skip	J.Teg	51	Red	45	Che	Richie
3	Gaz	Baz	57	Red	50	Big Al	Jon
4	Dunny	Denzil	55	Red	53	Andy B	Pontiff
5	Andy W	SPS	50	Blue	54	Phil	Alec
			3		2		
Day 2	Red Pairs		Pts	Win	Pts	Blue Pairs	
1	SPS	J.Teg	58	Halved	58	Alec	Andy B
2		Skip	32	Red	28	Che	Ian
3	Baz	Denzil	52	Blue	58	Richie	Jon
4	Andy W	Jenks	45	Blue	67	Phil	Tigger
5	Dunny	Gaz	61	Blue	64	Big Al	Pontiff
			1 1/2		3 1/2		
Day 3	Singles		Pts	Win	Pts	Singles	
1		Skip	26	Blue	29	Phil	
2		Gaz	28	Red	23	Pontiff	
3		Andy W	32	Blue	40	Big Al	
4		SPS	22	Blue	33	Tigger	
5		Dunny	21	Blue	33	Jon	
6		Denzil	27	Halved	27	Andy B	
7		Baz	35	Red	22	Richie	
8		J.Teg	27	Red	24	Alec	
9		Jenks	24	Blue	25	Alec	
			4 1/2		4 1/2		
Total	RED		9	-	10	BLUE	

Lost Balls Comp - run by Gary. A big thanks to Gary for the competition and for getting everyone a TBAGS Tour 2026 Pen. Competition won by Dunny - the best guess and the most balls lost !

Tourist		GUESS	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	Tour
Gary	Anderson	127	1	1	0	2
Andy	Barker	129	0	1	5	6
Alec	Campbell	116	3	2	3	8
Richie	Carr	103	0	3	2	5
Ian	Dunn	82	1	3	5	9
Paul	Jenkins	128	1	2	2	5
Phil	McMuldroch	113	0	3	2	5
Archie	Moore	163	2	2	4	8
Jon	Morgan	200	2	0	0	2
Alan	Philips	91	0	0	2	2
Keith	Pope	90	0	0	2	2
Denis	Ruane	89	0	3	3	6
David	Sheen	133	1	2	1	4
Stephen	Sage	131	0	1	1	2
John	Teggin	84	1	4	2	7
Dave	Teggin	83	0	2	2	4
Andy	Wallis	111	0	0	0	0
Ian	White	101	0	1	0	1
TOTAL			12	30	36	78

Order of Merit Points:

Day 1: Ian White 5 pts (Blob free round)

Day 2: Gary Anderson 5 pts (Blob free round)

Day 2: Phil McMuldorch 5 pts (Gross Eagle)

Day 3: Phil, Jon, Al 6 pts each (third place for Tour Trophy)

Day 3: Barry 8pts (second place for Tour Trophy)

Day 3: Ian 10pts (winner Tour Trophy)

The Main Scoreboard:

The Chairman's Challenge & Tour Trophy:

Player	Day 1	Dumfries & County	Day 2	Southern	Day 3	Lochmaben	Total
	Pts	Prizes	Pts	Prizes	Pts	Prizes	Pts
Anderson	26		35	2nd=	28		89
Barker	34	2's, NTP	29		27		90
Campbell	25		29		24		78
Carr	23		24		22		69
Dunn	32	MOTD	26		21	Most LBs	79
Jenkins	35	2nd	26	MOTD, 2's	24		85
McMuldroch	29		36	1st, 2's	29		94
Moore	22		28		17		67
Morgan	27		34		33	NTP, 2's	94
Philips	23		31		40	1st	94
Pope	19		33	NTP	23		75
Ruane	23		17		27		67
Sheen	31		35	2nd=	35	2nd	101
Sage	23		31		22		76
Teggin J.	25		27		27		79
Teggin D.	26		32		26		84
Wallis	27		19		32	No LB's!	78
White	39	1st	31		33		103
Total	429		459		435		1323

Hopefully you all enjoyed the Tour and a big Thank You to Stephen for the organisation. . . .

. . . see you next year.

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