

Tuesday 16th May 2022

The Tour Worksop & Lindrick

Sixteen tourists set off for Worksop, fifteen made it well within the planned 12:30 arrival for a 2 o'clock kick off. Several arrived very early and spent what they thought was a valuable hour or so scrutinising the Par 3 18th green and how the club members playing in their Sunday competition were faring. As it turned out this was a complete waste of time as only one out of 16 TBAGgers even hit the 18th green (NTP).

Tourist No. 16, Wing Commander Leonard J. Laithwaite telephoned just before 1 o'clock to say he was about 20 minutes away. 2 o'clock arrived and still no sign, in the end a WTF decision was made and we all set off without him. He caught up his team mate on the second tee with a cock-and-bull story about visiting two other golf course, a garage and being sent the wrong way by a 'local'. Clearly LJL had set out to be the winner of the annual MOTD event on Sunday evening !

Others were making excellent bids for a MOTD mention, amongst them Mike Peers supposedly practicing in the nets managed to send a ball clattering around the clubhouse windows and nearly knocking Skip's block off in the process. TBAGS nearly banned before even setting foot on the course.

Worksop was a fine track and a great start to the tour. However, the TBAGS demonstration of driving off the first tee did not do it justice and was met with a good deal of hilarity from the members drinking on the balcony. 13 of 16 drives nowhere near the fairway; Palo even repeated the same knobbed shot into the bushes left of the tee just to show he could be consistent.

Photo 1st tee at Worksop only 14 tourists - Archie was the photographer, Wingco still trying to locate a landing strip somewhere in S. Yorkshire.



With a need to get to the Red Lion for dinner the rush for the 18th became a free for all. Two four-balls attempting to make up time just ended up in causing chaos - 4 out of the 8 balls in the main bunker.

Dinner was to be served immediately on arrival at the Red Lion, several cars however visited a cul-de-sac further down the main highway - apparently a post code issue - which amused the locals.

After the usual memory game of 'what did I order for dinner' and a liberal consumption of ale and wine the traditional MOTD ensued.

For some odd reason which I'm sure no-one can fathom, Dunny usually features as the principal contender for MOTD - but this year the results were much more widely spread. Considering the efforts put in on the day by the likes of the Wing Commander and Mike Peers it was something of a surprise that our renowned Treasurer came out ahead with four votes - beating everyone else by two. MOTD stays firmly ensconced at Royal Mersey Valley!

The following day, after a full English breakfast it was just a short trip to Lindrick GC host of the 1957 Ryder Cup. A beautiful course and a great choice for the TBAGS Tour. Rain to start with but it stayed off for most of the round

And so to the results (hopefully all correct) . . .

The 'Ryder Cup' Competition:

Red vs Blue							
Day 1	Red Pairs		Pts	Win	Pts	Blue Pairs	
1	Dunny	Denis	58	Blue	59	Derek	Dave H.
2	Skip	Len	62	Red	54	Alec	Archie
3	Jenks	Palo	52	Blue	59	Ted	Pontiff
4	Stephen	Mike P.	60	Red	42	Big Al	Mouse
Day 2	Singles		Pts	Win	Pts	Singles	
1	Stephen		35	Red	24	Archie	
2	Denis		22	Blue	36	Pontiff	
3	Skip		29	Red	25	Dave H.	
4	Len		14	Blue	21	Big Al	
5	Jenks		19	Blue	25	Mouse	
6	Palo		17	Blue	30	Ted	
7	Dunny		28	Red	18	Derek	
8	Mike P.		25	Blue	30	Alec	
Result	RED	5	-	7	BLUE		

The Blues came out on top of the 'Ryder Cup' competition and received a sleeve of balls and a couple of ball markers in recognition of their efforts. (If you didn't get your prize on the day they are available from Skip - administration and storage fees apply)

Scoring over the two days was inevitably erratic. Derek came in first at Worksop with a fine 35 Stableford points giving him 12 points in the Chairman's Challenge - but crashed to the middle teens at Lindrick. Three very unlikely second places on day 1 shared the £10 prize and NTP was claimed by the only player to hit the 18th - Jenks.

The Pontiff came home with 36 points at Lindrick to claim first place and 12 CC points. Stephen came in with an excellent 35 points for second place and Mouse found his one golf shot of the weekend to claim NTP.

No 2's all weekend - so a rollover going into Hesketh.

The Pontiff was the only tourist to be in the thirties on both days ending up with a total of 63 points and the first TBAGger to claim the new Laithwaite Trophy for the best total Stableford score on tour.

Well played Pontiff!



The Chairman's Challenge & The Laithwaite Trophy:

Player	Points Workshop	Prizes Day 1	Points Lindrick	Prizes Day 1	Total
Pontiff	30		36	1st	66
Stephen	28		35	2nd	63
Skip	31	2nd =	29		60
Ted	29		30		59
Alec	27		30		57
Dunny	28		28		56
Derek	35	1st	18		53
Denis	30		22		52
Archie	27		24		51
Jenks	31	NTP 2nd =	19		50
Dave H.	24		25		49
Mike P.	22		25		47
Len	31	2nd =	14		45
Big Al	23		21		44
Mouse	19		25	NTP	44
Palo	21		17		38

A really enjoyable tour - thanks to Stephen for organising and to all the participants who provided the 'golf' the laughs and the prat falls!

See you at Hesketh . . . *Snake Flips*