





October 2018 saw the TC descend on the Iberian Peninsula. A tough battle ensued, and after three days of some good golf, some bad golf, and a hell of a lot of ugly golf, the Grandes Galos prevailed – hence I am writing this year's presidents message instead of the gallant opposition captain Mr R. Job. Portugal is now a distant memory as one year on we find ourselves heading to the South of England, where we are surely set to tackle the elements unique to British golf on the eve of winter.

Every player will undoubtedly be fighting the peculiar strain one feels in the final stages of the countdown to TC. For some

there is the pressure of living up to their billing and the expectation: others will be worrying another chance for redemption could pass them by: and for the desperate few that I would guess have turned to religion as a last resort, they will be hoping the Lord answers their prayers and they can finally lay the demons of previous years to rest.

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I'm struggling to define this year's instalment of TC matches in any terms other than a battle between two ageing party animals, with a weakness for a popular brand of Australian lager and loose nights on the town. Our captains respective team selection was based on a strict criteria of performance on the beers and the ability to match the high standards they set on the dance floor. White and King will no doubt demand more from their players off the course than on it, and I for one expect them to lead by example in this department.

Before wrapping up I'd like to extend a warm welcome back to two familiar faces - A. Davidson and R. Jenkins, Both return after a year's hiatus, and both are certain to arrive at TC 2019 with their particular brands of enthusiasm in full throttle -Jenks is very eager to get back on GameBook and Davidson it looking forward to shagging fellow players through wardrobes at random with no notice given.

After studying the team sheets it's difficult to say that one side has the edge on the course. The beauty of TC is its unpredictability and the opportunity it presents for anyone to make a name for themselves. As we all get older the chance to play golf together gets less and less, so the prospect of playing three days running at TC genuinely excites me. I'm looking forward to what lies ahead gents - let the drama unfold!

NICK COOKE

Honorary President





COOKE FEASTS ON ROBINSON'S PORTUGUESE BAGEL

GRANDES GALOS 7.5

DINAMO SAGRES 4.5

The last time James Robinson captained a Tanglwyst side they romped to a famous victory in the inaugural event in Wales. On foreign soil in the Algarve he fared less convincingly, maybe putting too much emphasis on finding his legendary intangibles, while reality took hold on the golf course where he produced a crushing bagel for his own team.

Nick Cooke – a first-time captain – showed his trademark calm and steel, grinding out three crucial points for his side and taking home the POTY award alongside the Tanglwyst Cup trophy itself.

He set the tempo from day one in the fourballs and – partnering James Reeve – delivered a ruthless 2&1 win over Robinson and Chris White. Meanwhile David Hoare and Andrew Mullin did just enough to edge out Ben King and Geraint Edwards on the final hole of their match, thereby extending Edwards' miserable run in the Tanglwyst, stretching to four years without a win.

In the final game, Lloyd Godwin and Alex Laffan could have tightened the scoreline by beating debutant Nick McDonald and veteran bandit Sam Shirley. A gutsy birdie putt from McDonald on the 17th squared the match though, and, just when Godwin and Laffan thought they had won it at the last, Shirley miraculously found his ball in the shrubbery and produced a remarkable up-and-down to secure a half.



Tanglwyst history will tell you that few sides recover from a two-point deficit after two days so it was imperative

that Dinamo got back on the front foot in the greensomes on day two. King and Laffan did just that with a 4&2 win over Hoare and Shirley that gave Robinson's side some hope. But a calamity back nine from Edwards and the captain himself allowed McDonald and Reeve to pinch a 2up victory in their match, while Cooke and Mullin rubbed salt in the wounds with a 2&1 win over Godwin and White. That left the scoreline at 4.5 -1.5 to the Galos. who already had the trophy in their sights.



There were hopes that a big TC night out in Albufeira might galvanise Dinamo Sagres for a final day turnaround.

And so it seemed as both King and White surged into commanding leads in their singles matches against Hoare and Reeve respectively. With Laffan, Edwards and Godwin also leading in close-fought contests it looked for a time as though it could be a magical Tanglwyst Super Saturday comeback. But as so often before, the finish line proved elusive and Dinamo Sagres'

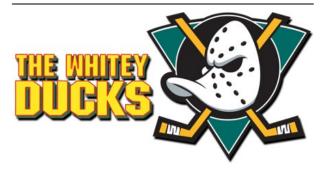


challenge fell away – nowhere more so than when White blew a four-up lead with five to play, allowing Reeve to collect his first ever singles victory. Laffan let his dormy-two lead against McDonald slip away to finish all-square in the fading light, and



Edwards and Mullin also halved. Godwin and King did seal comfortable victories against Shirley and Hoare to keep the scores close, but it was too late. Fittingly, Cooke delivered one final blow to his counterpart Robinson's disastrous week by clinching a final hole victory in their match, and with it he secured a successful first tilt at the Tanglwyst trophy.

ALEX LAFFAN Tanglwyst Reporter



Captain's Message

Firstly, I'd like to start by saying what a great honour it is to be a captain at this year's Tanglwyst Cup. I was appointed in the role, late in the day, to serve the remainder of my community service for misdemeanours at last year's event. This late appointment gave me just 24 hours to prepare for picks allowing me no time to consider stats, form, personality and how we would function as a team. My picks were made purely on instinct. The upshot being that, despite the undoubted individual talent at my disposal, as a team we were dysfunctional with no leadership, structure, teamwork or spirit.

However, this all changed following the choosing of our team name – The Whitey Ducks. Since that moment we have gradually transformed from a chaotic mess into a streamlined unit arriving at the Tanglwyst Cup in a fully fledged V formation. My team will play with the attitude and mentality which I have instilled into them; you may make a shot, or you may not, but that doesn't matter. What matters is that you're here, with the privilege of playing in the Tanglwyst Cup. I believe in my team, win or lose. In David Hoare, my vice-captain and leader on the course, we have our very own 'Charlie Conway' in whom I have confidence of making the winning shot when it really matters.

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CHRIS WHITE

Captain

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the committee for their efforts in organising (eventually) what promises to be a

fantastic Tanglwyst Cup 2019. The courses look great, I'm told

the accommodation is 5 star (despite the airbeds) and the

locality of the south England coast is a welcome contrast to last year's erotic exotic excursion to Albufeira, Portugal, Given the location and the time of year it is likely that the weather

conditions could play a significant part in this years event. I

think mental strength to cope with it, something the Whitey

Ducks are renowned for, could be a massive factor in the re-

Finally, I'd like to wish my opposite number Chinos and his

team - Chino Royale - the best of luck. May the best team win.

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COMBINED WINS / DRAWS 41% / 11%



HEAD-TO-HEAD VS. CHINO ROYALE 41-40

CHRIS WHITE (C)









LLOYD GODWIN



HCP 12 APP 8 **★** 4 W 15 L 8 D 1

RHYS JENKINS





ANDREW MULLIN



HCP 17 APP 8 ★ 3 W 9 L 12 D 3

17 HCP 8 APP

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GERAINT EDWARDS



Born as 'King', Chino King, with a license to thrill...Chino Royale was an obvious choice for my team name. Team selection was based upon good old-fashioned British team spirit, personality, height, gold thongs and above all, the ability to drink at the 19th hole! My team will be staying out late, drinking, dancing and holing those vital putts! Each team member brings with them a vital party trick:

- Rim job has his wee willy winky;
- 2. Cookster is a student of the game and the karaoke king;
- 3. Laff can spend the kitty on the dance floor;
- 4. Reevo has his walnut whips;
- 5. Andy can dance asleep, and;
- 6. Chinos can play par golf after only 3 hours sleep!

Once shaken, but not stirred...they are a recipe for success!

My competitive streak has been fuelled in recent years by good rivalries and close matches. As a leader on and off the course I want to ensure that the Tanglwyst Cup 2019, lives up to the hype. I wish my good friend turned rival, Whitey, all the best of luck but I am determined to bring the Cup home for Queen and Country.

BEN KING

Captain

COMBINED WINS / DRAWS 40% / 13%



HEAD-TO-HEAD VS. THE WHITEY DUCKS 40-41

JAMES ROBINSON

BEN KING (C)



HCP 10 APP 8 ★ 3 W 9 L 9 D 3

15 HCP 8 APP 5 ★ 11 W 12 L 1 D

NICK COOKE



HCP 10 APP 3 ★ 1 W 4 L 3 D 2 ALEX LAFFAN



JAMES REEVE



APP 6
★ 4
W 7
L 10
D 1

HCP 26

18 HCP 6 APP 3 ★ 4 W

3 ★ 4 W 11 L 3 D

ANDY **DAVIDSON**

This year's TC players were surveyed on what their perfect Tanglwyst day would like. A few honourable mentions for PGA National and Dundonald who narrowly missed out on the favourite course as well as Godwin, Laffan and King — each just one vote shy of Reeve as the ideal playing companion.



Early rise (to Ryder Cup theme music) at Rue du Guesclin, Biarritz



Followed by bacon & eggs, served up by Chef Edwards



A smooth journey to the course, courtesy of Godwin



Royal Porthcawl, scene of the very first TC round still ranks as the course of choice



Back on the minibus!



We're staying in Porthcawl as the venue for the post round beers



Quick team photo!

Off to Tao-best club ever



The star catcher himself, Reevo, is the favoured playing partner for the match ahead



Quick turnaround followed by Mexi pre-lash



There's only one option for dinner...



A 3-way tie means it's four in the bed for a terrible nights sleep before we do it all again.



Day 1 — FOURBALLS Liphook Golf Club Thursday 31st October

Type: Heathland Par: 70 Yards: 6194 NP: 7th LD: 12th

Liphook is as pretty as a picture and one of the earliest examples of strategic design. This delightful, classic heathland course spans Hampshire and Sussex's county boundaries - it's a course for the connoisseur, not for the dilettante.

The club was founded in 1922. A teacher called Arthur Croome (a partner in the architectural firm of Fowler, Abercromby, Simpson and Croome) designed the course, his one and only. "He did it wonderfully well," wrote Bernard Darwin in Golf Between Two Wars, "all the better perhaps because he had not much money to do it with and must rely as far as possible on kindly Nature."

According to the club's history, Tom Simpson joined Liphook Golf Club and became "Master of the Green" and he was later

responsible for a number of course revisions.

By today's standards, Liphook is relatively short, measuring less than 6,200 yards, but with a lowly par of 70. Playing to handicap is another matter. The heather, pine and birch place a premium on line rather than length.

The sandy ground is wonderfully undulating with natural depressions and elevations and, in some ways, the terrain is reminiscent (if a little less dramatic) to that at nearby Hindhead, where there is another charming and understated golf course.





Dav 2 — GREENSOMES Hayling Golf CLub Friday 1st November

Type: Links Par[,] 71 Yards: 6498 NP: 18th LD:



Hayling Golf Club is proud to be the premier links golf course on the South Coast. Its quality has attracted Championship Venue status and it is recognised as a Top 100 Golf Course. The golf club at Hayling was founded in 1883, and the five times Open champion J.H. Taylor, made major revisions in 1905.

Hayling is set upon a Site of Special Scientific Interest, on the South West peninsular of Hayling Island. To the south, there are superb, panoramic views across the Solent to the Isle of Wight.

A challenging Par 71 course with its fast fairways, fine greens, year round playability and Art-Deco Clubhouse offering panoramic views across the coast and course offers a unique, challenging and special experience for even the most experienced golfers.

The course measures more than 6,500 yards from the back tees. It breaks you in gently and then really gets going after the turn when you enter the dunes. The 11th is a gem, a stunning par three called "Woolseners". It measures a lowly 150 yards but it plays towards the Solent, and often, it's into the prevailing wind - the elevated green is sited on a plateau and is well guarded by bunkers. The 12th is a tough par four, called "Desert" - presumably because it runs alongside the shore where the green is sited against the dunes. The 13th takes its name from what was once a huge, ragged bunker, called "The Widow" (see below). The approach shot is over a hill with the Solent once more providing a pretty backdrop.

The links course is easy walking, and the good sandy soil drains well and thus is rarely closed. A fairway irrigation system helps ensure the course is always in top condition.





Dav 3 — SINGLES Golf at Goodwood (Downs) Saturday 2nd November

Type: Downland

Par[,] 71 Yards: 6674 NP: 18th LD:



Designed by legendary golf architect, designer of Gleneagles and Carnoustie and five times winner of the Open Championship, James Braid, the downland course consists of fastrunning fairways, undulating greens and dramatic changes of elevation in the downland valleys and hills which are both a treat and a challenge to true golf fans.

The Duke of Richmond's estate workers laid out the original course at Goodwood Golf Club, but James Braid designed a proper sporting course in 1914, the essence of which is played today and it still bears many of Braid's hallmark doglegged holes and intimidating cross bunkering.

Naturally, the chalky South Downs provide not only excellent drainage but also dramatic elevation change, ideal for exciting

golf and for panoramic views across the Goodwood Estate to Chichester Cathedral, the Solent and the Isle of Wight beyond.

In 2004, Howard Swan started a lengthy renovation of the historic Downs course. It was extended to a meaty 7.104 yards from the back tees but the integrity of Braid's original design was cleverly maintained retaining the best of Braid's holes while also creating holes that cater for today's big hitting golfers. The new and spectacular par four 2nd is a great example, which combines two of Braid's original holes. An accurate drive to an escarpment leaves an inviting approach shot to a large green sited in the valley below.

In 2014. Goodwood commissioned Mackenzie & Ebert to refurbish the bunkers of the Downs course in a phased approach. which completed in April 2017.



This year's TC players were tasked with building the perfect Tanglwyst Cup player — from tee to green. There were a couple of ties as well as a few narrow misses (notably twice for Godwin).

CATEGORY

SELECTED PLAYER(S)

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As always, the main objective of every player at a Tanglwyst Cup is to end up on the winning team. However, beyond that primary objective are a number of other goals and streaks that the players will undoubtedly have at the back of their minds...

One of **REEVE** or **GODDERS** will join the 5 star club by ending up on the winning team in 2019. Similarly, one of **HOARE** and **ROBINSON** will become the first player in history to reach 6 stars if their team prevails.

COOKE and **REEVE** are both seeking to become the first ever player to record back -to-back hat-tricks.

LAFFAN is searching for his first star since 2011 whilst for **EDWARDS** it would be his first since 2012.



WHITE is looking for both his first victory in a Tanglwyst match as well as his first star.

With a win in 2019, **KING** would become the first two-time winning captain.



EDWARDS is looking for a first victory in a Tanglwyst match since 2014 and snap his winless streak of 14 matches. **DAVIDSON** is also winless streak is only 7 given recent TC absences.

It still remains that **NO TEAM** has ever lost a session of matches and gone onto win the Tanglwyst Cup.

Following 8 years of ever-lengthening rounds during Tanglwyst matches, the following slow-play policy has been introduced with immediate effect:

- Match 1 must be completed within 4 hours (or finish within 15 minutes of the non-TC group in front).
- Matches 2 and 3 must finish within 15 minutes of the groups in front.

One player in each group will oversee the pace of play (determined by a ball-drop if the absence of a volunteer) with a general rule of 3 holes per 40 minutes.

Nightly fines will be issued to all players involved in a non-compliant group. The Enforcer will decide on the severity of these fines with a multiplier rule for multiple offences.

Further rules...

- The Committee is formed of an Honorary President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.
- The Medicine Man, appointed by the Committee, will be on duty at all times and will always know the best cure for your symptoms.
- 3. The Enforcer, appointed by the President, will distribute fines and punishments.
- Recon the official helper and appointed by the Secretary

 is a pivotal role to ensure that everything runs as smoothly as possible. A good Recon will always be thinking one step ahead.
- The Kitty Man, appointed by the Treasurer, will maintain the kitty and take responsibility for the purchase of beverages. Never refuse to pay the Kitty Man.
- 6. The Choirboy, appointed by the committee, will be in charge of songs and entertainment.
- 7. The Peer Mediator, appointed by the Enforcer, will help to resolve disputes and report any crimes to the Enforcer.
- 8. Mates above all else.

- Captains' match picks will be handed to the Secretary and announced on the eve of each round of matches.
- No two team mates shall be paired together for both fourballs and greensomes.
- 11. Matches will be played using each player's most recent and accurate handicap. Per CONGU 2016-18: Full handicaps will be used for singles, 90% handicaps for fourballs and the full difference between each pairs' greensomes handicap* will be used for greensomes.
- 12. The R&A rules of golf apply to all matches, including rules regarding lost balls, out-of-bounds, etc.
- 13. Golf apps and range finders are permitted on the course.
- 14. The 'willies out' rule is in operation.
- 15. Player of the year, Clubman of the Year, Yip of the Year and Course of the Year will be decided by a vote following the conclusion of Round 3.
- Failure to produce your Tanglwyst Handbook when requested by the Committee/Enforcer will result in a fine.

* Please refer to the Greensomes Handicap Conversion Table:

HCP	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
5	5.0	5.4	5.8	6.2	6.6	7.0	7.4	7.8	8.2	8.6	9.0	9.4	9.8	10.2	10.6	11.0	11.4	11.8	12.2	12.6	13.0	13.4	13.8	14.2
6	5.4	6.0	6.4	6.8	7.2	7.6	8.0	8.4	8.8	9.2	9.6	10.0	10.4	10.8	11.2	11.6	12.0	12.4	12.8	13.2	13.6	14.0	14.4	14.8
7	5.8	6.4	7.0	7.4	7.8	8.2	8.6	9.0	9.4	9.8	10.2	10.6	11.0	11.4	11.8	12.2	12.6	13.0	13.4	13.8	14.2	14.6	15.0	15.4
8	6.2	6.8	7.4	8.0	8.4	8.8	9.2	9.6	10.0	10.4	10.8	11.2	11.6	12.0	12.4	12.8	13.2	13.6	14.0	14.4	14.8	15.2	15.6	16.0
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26	13.4	14.0	14.6	15.2	15.8	16.4	17.0	17.6	18.2	18.8	19.4	20.0	20.6	21.2	21.8	22.4	23.0	23.6	24.2	24.8	25.4	26.0	26.4	26.8
27	13.8	14.4	15.0	15.6	16.2	16.8	17.4	18.0	18.6	19.2	19.8	20.4	21.0	21.6	22.2	22.8	23.4	24.0	24.6	25.2	25.8	26.4	27.0	27.4
28	14.2	14.8	15.4	16.0	16.6	17.2	17.8	18.4	19.0	19.6	20.2	20.8	21.4	22.0	22.6	23.2	23.8	24.4	25.0	25.6	26.2	26.8	27.4	28.0

1,883 days will have passed when Edwards steps up to his opening tee shot at the 2019 Tanglwyst Cup. It was 4 September 2014 when Edwards proudly led out his team as Captain to bring home their first point of the week in the South-West of Scotland. Since that day an unimaginable winless streak of 14 matches has lasted for over 5 years. To help put this into context, here are some examples of things to have taken place during this winless period and here's hoping that he can stop the rot in 2019!

Both England and Wales have made semi-final appearances at major football tournaments.

Edwards saw his flat destroyed by a fire, oversaw a full refurbishment, sold the flat, purchased a new house, got married, changed jobs twice and most recently had a baby daughter.

The UK has witnessed two general elections, two referendums and had 3 Prime Ministers. Meanwhile, Donald Trump ran an election campaign and has served almost 3 years as POTUS.

There have been 11 TC marriages and 14 TC children born.

England have been humiliated in a rugby and cricket world cup and then gone onto win it next time round:)

Riyad Mahrez scored his first premier league goal, Leicester City won the Premier League, made the quarter-finals of the Champions League and tragically lost their owner to a fatal helicopter accident.

Manchester United have spent £736m on transfer signings.

Ireland, England and Wales have each won a 6N Grand Slam.

Jordan Spieth (x3), Dustin Johnson, Justin Thomas, Brooks Koepka (x4), Jason Day, Henrik Stenson, Sergio Garcia, Patrick Reed, Francesco Molinari, Danny Willett, Jimmy Walker, and Gary Woodland all won their first majors.

Edwards has been down the 18th seven times during subsequent Tanglwyst matches but failed to come away with a win.