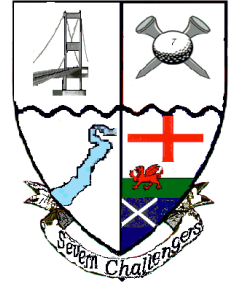


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Welcome to The South West Challenge V

This is it! The final, final version. Until someone notices something else to change. See you at the Bristol!

The following is the information I hope you will need.

There are 11 challengers this year:

Tony, John C, Jon F, Ade, Peter, Tim, John N, Iain, Clive, Dave and Wozzy.

The tour will start at **The Bristol Golf Club**, the first tee time is at 10.30 and in addition to the normal prizes, we will be playing for the **Graham Bennett Shield**.

For directions please see: [How to find us - The Bristol Golf Club](#)

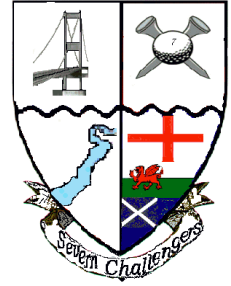
Playing Handicap for The Bristol

Player	Handicap Index	The Bristol
Dave Salmon	8.1	7
Tony Bennet	16.4	16
Iain McKay	14.6	14
Tim Smith	14.6	14
Clive Parker	17.8	18
Jon Ford	16.3	16
John Newall	16.8	17
Peter Haynes	22.6	24
John Cooban	23.5	25
Wozzy Blazucki	27.6	29
Adrian Axelsen	29.8	32

After the first round we will travel on to **Point at Polzeath Golf Club**: [The Point Golf Club - 18 Hole Course & Driving Range | Cornwall \(thepointatpolzeath.co.uk\)](#) where we will be based.

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Golf Itinerary

There will be 4 rounds of stableford for the singles challenge and a team challenge.

- **Monday 9th September: The Bristol Golf Club**
1st round stableford - tee off at 10.30 am
- **Tuesday 10th September: Point at Polzeath Golf Club**
9-hole Team Scramble (stableford) - tee off at 7.40 am
- **Tuesday 10th September: Point at Polzeath Golf Club**
2nd round stableford - tee off at 12.40 pm
- **Wednesday 11th September: Bowood Park Golf Club**
3rd round stableford - tee off at 10.30 am
- **Thursday 12th September: Taunton & Picheridge Golf Club (Black Tees)**
4th round stableford - tee off at 12.30 am

Accommodation

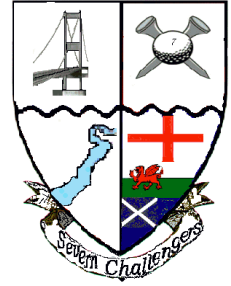
We will be staying at Point at Polzeath Golf & Country Club in three self-catering apartments. Two of us are allocated in single rooms in one apartment and the rest are welcome to be in the following two apartments.

Rooms

Viking	Peter	Single
	Dave S	Single
Sole	Tim & John C	Twin
	Jon & Clive	Twin
Apartment 6	John N & Iain	Twin
	Wozzy & Tony	Twin
	Ade	Twin

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Self-Catering

The bar at The Point is not open for catering until past 9.00am, too late for us. So we will be cooking and preparing our own breakfasts. Tim has been appointed breakfast Chef and will organize meals in the apartment. On Tuesday between the morning and afternoon rounds we will be making bacon buns to save time and avoid congestion in the bar

Travel

The Point at Polzeath is 148m, 2h30 from Bristol via Exeter and Okehampton.

Dinner

On Monday the restaurant is closed so I have arranged that we eat in the bar. They have a bar menu and a specialty meal of the day.

Handicaps

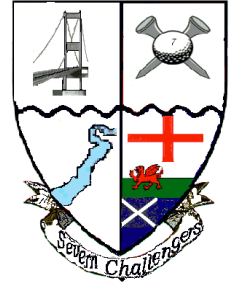
1. After each round each player's handicap will be raised or lowered by $0.4 \times$ the difference between the player's stableford score and the median score for that round except that...
2. If a player has previously had a handicap reduction, then any subsequent increase will be based on $0.2 \times$ the difference.
3. The handicap limit will be 36.
4. We will start with our club handicap indexes (with a couple of estimates) which will need to be confirmed before the first round and we will use the slope ratings for each course to get playing handicaps. Values at 06/09/23 below

Player	Handicap Index
Dave Salmon	8.1
Tony Bennet	16.4
Iain McKay	14.6
Tim Smith	14.6
Clive Parker	17.8
Jon Ford	16.3
John Newall	16.8
Peter Haynes	22.6
John Cooban	23.5
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These handicaps are subject to change on the morning of our first round.



Buggies

There are only two players that need a buggy, Adrian and Peter, so I have booked one for every round.

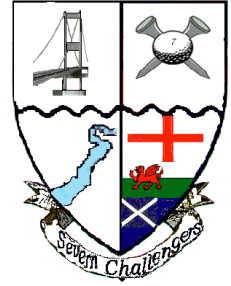
Teams

Teams have been selected truly at random so that no player has played in the same team as in the previous two years.

Team 1	Clive	John N	
Team 2	Wozzy	Peter	Adrian
Team 3	Tim	Dave	
Team 4	Ian	Jon	
Team 5	Tony	John C	

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Order of Play

Similarly I have used a randomizer program to generate the daily groups so that other than the team round, no one plays with another or in the same group more than twice except the buggy users.

Round 1	Group 1	Tony	Clive	Dave	
	Group 2	Adrian	John C	Peter	Ian
	Group 3	Wozzy	Jon F	John N	Tim

Longest Drive: 12 Nearest the Pin: 6 Nearest Pin in 2: 8

Team Scramble	Group 1	Tim	Dave	Ian	Jon F
	Group 2	Clive	John N	Tony	John C
	Group 3	Wozzy	Peter		Adrian

Round 2	Group 1	Tony	Jon F	Clive	
	Group 2	Adrian	Ian	Peter	Tim
	Group 3	John C	Wozzy	John N	Dave

Longest Drive: 15 Nearest the Pin: 16 Nearest Pin in 2: 13

Round 3	Group 1	Adrian	Ian	Jon F	
	Group 2	John C	Clive	John N	Tim
	Group 3	Wozzy	Peter	Dave	Tony

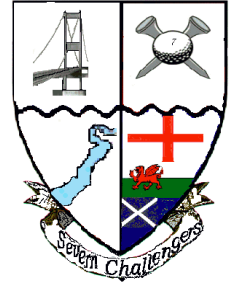
Longest Drive: 18 Nearest the Pin: 6 Nearest Pin in 2: 16

Round 4	Group 1	Peter	Tony	Adrian	
	Group 2	Jon F	Ian	Dave	John N
	Group 3	Clive	Tim	Wozzy	John C

Longest Drive: 5 Nearest the Pin: 16 Nearest Pin in 2: 18

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Rules

All rounds are to be played under the revised Rules of Golf and local rules with one “Challenge rule” below. Please play a provisional ball where there is a possibility that the original ball is lost or out of bounds and make sure you and your playing partners can identify your ball. Jon will settle all disputes (unless they involve him in which case Steve will make a decision).

Challenge Rule

If a provisional ball is played and then the original ball is subsequently found **the alternative of returning to the point where the last shot was played is not allowed even if the ball is found to be unplayable.** The player **may instead choose to play the provisional under shot and distance penalty** as if the original ball had been lost. A penalty drop, within two club lengths (not nearer the hole) or a penalty drop backwards in line with the pin are the other alternatives.

Ties

In the event of a tie the winner will be decided by countback (i.e. last 9 holes, last 6 holes, last 3 holes, last hole).

If there is a tie for the overall total then the player who has had the greatest overall handicap cut since the start of the first round but before the start of the final round will be declared the winner. If this is the same this will be applied after the second round and the first round if necessary. A similar rule will be applied for the team award. If this doesn't resolve the winner, it will be on countback (last 9 of final round, last 6, last 3, last hole).

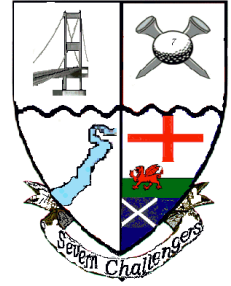
Provisional Prizes (each player contributes £25 towards the prize fund):

1. 4 rounds will be stableford format with a prize for first, second and third places.
 2. There will be a nearest the pin competition and a longest drive competition in each round.
 3. There will be a prize for each birdie, sand save (up and down from a bunker) or “sandy par” (a par despite going in a bunker).
 4. The best gross round of the week (stableford equivalent).
 5. The lowest aggregate strokes for the week (stableford equivalent).
 6. A wooden spoon prize for the player with the lowest points total.
 7. A special award for the most cheerful player in the face of adversity.
- **The overall winner will win the Challenge Shield and hold the Challenge Tankard until next year.** This will go to the player with the highest aggregate stableford score over the first four rounds.
 - **There will also be a team competition based on the better ball score for each hole and the optional round.**
 - The player with the highest stableford points score in a single round over the course of the week will be awarded **“The Bandit”** which is to be passed on next year.
 - The player with the lowest stableford points score in a single round over the course of the week will be awarded **“The Hacker”** which is to be passed on next year.

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Severn Challenge Hall of Fame:



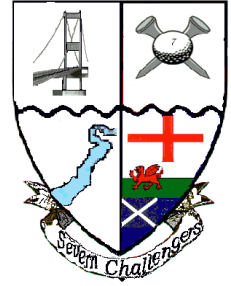
Tour and Shield Winners

1996	Severn Challenge	Tony Bennett
1997	Severn Challenge	Adrian Axelsen
1998	Severn Challenge	Peter Haynes
1999	Wye Challenge	Nick Webb
2000	New Forest Challenge	Tim Smith
2001	Dorset Challenge	Jon Ford
2002	Cornish Challenge	Peter Haynes
2003	Cornish Challenge	Nick Webb
2004	Abbotsley Challenge	Graham Bennett
2005	Marwell Challenge	John Cooban
2006	South West Challenge	Tony Bennett
2007	Wye Challenge*	Tim Smith
2008	Wye Challenge	Richard Weller
2009	Belton Woods Challenge	Jon Ford
2010	South Wales Challenge	Jon Ford
2011	South Wales Challenge	Adrian Axelsen
2012	South West Challenge	Tim Smith
2013	South West Challenge	Tim Smith
2014	"No crocs at Bowood" Challenge	Jonny Campbell
2015	Severn Challenge	Jonny Campbell
2016	Dorset Challenge	Tim Smith
2017	Devon Challenge	Kevin Learoyd
2018	Southern Challenge	Kevin Learoyd
2019	South West Challenge	Tim Smith
2020	Challenge cancelled due to pandemic	
2021	South West Challenge	Nick Webb
2022	South Wales Challenge	Iain Mckay
2023	The Woodbury Park Challenge	Tim Smith

* The Wye Challenge 2007 was played at Dartmouth due to flooding in Herefordshire

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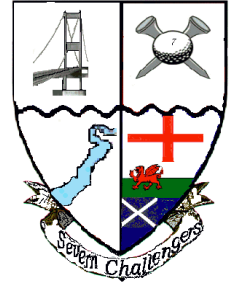


Team Challenge Winners

Team Challenge 1998	Peter Haynes, Tony Bennett & Tim Smith
Team Challenge 1999	Graham Bennett & Jon Ford
Team Challenge 2000	Tim Smith & John Cooban
Team Challenge 2001	Jon Ford & Tony Bennett
Team Challenge 2002	Jon Ford & Tim Smith
Team Challenge 2003	Peter Haynes, Graham Bennett & Adrian Axelsen
Team Challenge 2004	Jon Ford & Adrian Axelsen
Team Challenge 2005	Tim Smith & John Cooban
Team Challenge 2006	Tony & Graham Bennett
Team Challenge 2007	Tim Smith & Graham Bennett
Team Challenge 2008	Tim Smith & Richard Weller
Team Challenge 2009	Jon Ford & Peter Haynes
Team Challenge 2010	Jon Ford & Adrian Axelsen
Team Challenge 2011	Nick Webb & Tony Bennett
Team Challenge 2012	Tim Smith & Adrian Axelsen
Team Challenge 2013	Tim Smith & Peter Haynes
Team Challenge 2014	Jonny Campbell, Graham Stewart & John Cooban
Team Challenge 2015	Jonny Campbell, Brendan Dykes & Kevin Learoyd
Team Challenge 2016	Steve Webb & Kevin Learoyd
Team Challenge 2017	Steve Webb & Kevin Learoyd
Team Challenge 2018	Adrian Axelsen & Andrew Ulllyott
Team Challenge 2019	Tim, Graham & Iain
Team Challenge 2020	Challenge cancelled due to pandemic
Team Challenge 2021	Dave Salmon, Iain McKay & John Cooban
Team Challenge 2022	Iain McKay & Adrian Axelsen
Team Challenge 2023	Peter Haynes & Iain McKay

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Bandit and Hacker Winners

The highly prestigious Bandit trophy was introduced in 2004 for the highest stableford score in any one round during the tour.

The Hacker was introduced in 2007 for the lowest individual stableford score in any one round during the tour.

2017 was remarkable as John Cooban managed to win both!

Year	Bandit	Hacker
2004	Graham Bennett	
2005	John Cooban	
2006	Graham Bennett	
2007	John Cooban	Peter Haynes
2008	Jon Ford	John Cooban
2009	John Cooban	Steve Webb
2010	Jon Ford	Tony Bennett
2011	Nick Webb	Tim Smith
2012	Tim Smith	Brendan Dykes
2013	Tim Smith	Nick Webb
2014	Tim Smith	Steve Webb
2015	Tim Smith	Kevin Learoyd
2016	Steve Webb	Brendan Dykes
2017	John Cooban & Kevin Learoyd	John Cooban
2018	Jon Ford	Tony Bennett
2019	Nick Webb	Graham Bennett
2021	Iain McKay	Fraser Poole
2022	John Cooban	Iain McKay
2023	Nick Webb	Andy Stoneley

The Graham Bennett Shield

The Graham Bennett Shield was introduced in 2022 which is given to the player who wins the first round of the tour.

2022 South Wales Challenge
2023 The Woodbury Challenge

John Cooban
Adrian Axelsen