

# The Association of Buckinghamshire Golf Captains



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## Captains 2014 Tour to Lithuania



The view from the Le Meridien Hotel

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# Captain's Corner

**John Pettitt – 2014 Captain**

It is a great honour and privilege to be asked to represent you all as your Captain for 2014, not just for me but also for my club Harleyford, a relative newcomer

to Association membership. Those before me have set high standards for me to follow and I shall do my best to live up to them.

Our first event will be as ever the Men's Dinner but at a later date than usual, on 21 March 2014. I have the pleasure of having as a special guest the European Director of the Ryder Cup, Richard Hills. He said he would like to do a Q & A so please let's have some good questions for him to answer. Steve Rider, the broadcaster, has agreed to come and help us out with this providing his diary doesn't get too full. If you haven't heard him he is terrific with a microphone in his hand. Please support this well and we look forward to an enjoyable evening.

We go to Calcot Park in Reading for the Spring Meeting, Harleyford will host the Captain's Day and Beaconsfield the Autumn Meeting, all great venues.

Thank you to all those who responded to my email in November about the prospective Tour to Lithuania. I wanted to be sure that there was sufficient groundswell of support to warrant proceeding further. I am pleased to say that I have enough positive responses to give it the go ahead although for



## Harleyford Golf Club – Captain's Day 22 July 2014

those who for personal reasons need to stay in the UK, this trip may not be for you. Lithuania is a nation known for its beautiful architecture, history and culture and with its incredible value for money I am certain this Tour will be a memorable one. Le Meridien Hotel with its V Club golf course will look after us in five-star style. There is also an option, for those that wish, to play at The Capitals Golf Club, about 40km away, but the three rounds of the competition will be at the home course which allows us to run an eclectic competition alongside the usual format. The trophy itself will have to remain at home (limited luggage allowance) and be presented at the Captain's Day on Tuesday 22 July. Please reply in the usual way on the annual response sheet.

Last year I enjoyed supporting Ken who did a fantastic job as our Captain and was a fine ambassador for the Association. We won't let him retire just yet; I am delighted that he will remain on the Committee to assist for the coming year. Roger Warren steps down from the Committee after many years of service for the association with our great thanks and appreciation.

With Ed Fraser deciding to move to Inverness and reluctantly not taking up the vice captaincy I am thrilled to have Doug Ebdon step up and take the position a year early. He has given us the benefit of his sartorial experience as clothing officer for the last three years and that position now falls to new committee member, Brian Rodgers.

Peter Short works tirelessly as Hon Secretary and continues to provide us with all the admin support we could wish for, thank you, Peter, for all your hard work. Thanks too to Derek Hill for organising the venues and to Derek Williams who will continue as Hon Treasurer for the coming year and look

after our finances. I would like to welcome our two new members to the Committee, Rob Southerden and Brian Rodgers. They, along with John Hardcastle, will be given additional responsibility to help Peter ensure that the teams are fully manned.

We enter 2014 with great anticipation for some enjoyable golfing, making and renewing friendships on and off the course and some sunshine. I hope to play golf with as many of you as possible and enjoy some great times together.

**John Pettitt** – 2014 Captain

# Men's Dinner

Friday 21 March 2014  
at Harleyford Golf Club

7pm for 7.30pm  
Dinner Jackets

Guest speakers  
**Richard Hills and Steve Rider**

**The cost is £35 per person**

Please support this event which is open to all members and club guests, plus the guests we entertain from the Counties on our fixture list

# Match results 2013

AGAINST	AT	RESULT
<b>Bedfordshire</b>	Ellesborough	Lost 5 down
<b>Hampshire</b>	Burnham Beeches	Won 8.5/1.5
<b>Northamptonshire</b>	Harewood Downs	Won 5/3
<b>South Wales Coast</b>	Newport	Won 5.5/2.5
<b>London</b>	Chesham and Ley Hill	Lost 6/4
<b>Surrey</b>	Hazelmere	Won 7/3
<b>Warwickshire</b>	Copt Heath	Lost 6.5/3.5
<b>Oxfordshire</b>	North Oxford	Drew 4/4
<b>Cambridgeshire</b>	Weston Turville	Lost 4.5/3.5
<b>Kent</b>	Canterbury	Lost 6/4
<b>Hertfordshire</b>	Chesfield Downs	Lost 19 down
<b>Sussex</b>	Willingdon	Lost 6/2

## New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following members into the Association and we hope they will enjoy their golf and social occasions with us.

MEMBER	CLUB	YEAR OF CAPTAINCY
<b>Philip Sisson</b>	Gerrards Cross	2013 / 2014
<b>Ranjit Arora</b>	Harewood Downs	2013 / 2014
<b>Geoff Robb</b>	Buckingham	2013
<b>Garry Hartley</b>	Hazelmere	2012

# Results of meetings 2013

## Spring Meeting at East Berkshire

Winner Alan Anderson **38pts**

Second – **Brian Lowe 36pts**

Third – **Gordon Bull 35pts**

## Captains and Ladies at Lambourne

*Abandoned due to rain*

## Four Counties South at Frilford Heath

**Bucks Captains WON with 218pts**

## Captain's Day at Mentmore

Winner – **Tony Jefferies with 42pts**

Second – **Phil Price with 38pts**

Third – **Alan Anderson with 37pts**

## Four Counties North at Old Fold Manor

**Bucks Captains came fourth with 182pts**

## Autumn Meeting at Gerrards Cross

Winner – **Rob Southerden with 37pts ocb**

Second – **Tony Jefferies with 37pts**

Third – **Trevor Murphy with 36pts**



# Administration and MatchSecretary's notes

Another successful year for the Association has now passed and I wish you all Best Wishes for the New Year and a successful 2014 under the leadership of our new Captain John Pettitt. Ken was very lucky last year with the weather and I hope it is just as kind to John.

Membership is still a key issue for the Association even though we managed to recruit as many members as we lost last year. However a membership of around 150 is low compared to most other counties and makes it difficult to find a team sometimes, particularly towards the end of the year. Experience has shown that the best way to get new members is for you to introduce your captain and ex captains to the Association. Ken and John and a couple of others, did this very well last year, and I ask that all of you try to recruit for us this year. Club membership is still in decline, but most clubs appoint a Captain, and we need to attract them to join.

To take some of the burden off me we are going to appoint match managers for some of the matches this year. Most other counties do this already and it seems to work OK. We will decide which ones to start with and I will let you know the procedure then. The Committee members are going to do 2 or 3 and I have 1 volunteer also. If anyone else wishes to do so please let me know.

Looking at the season ahead, you will also get with this Newsletter the Annual Booklet, the usual fixture details with the request that you indicate your interest in the respective fixtures by marking the adjacent boxes and where able, give some indication that you might be available at short notice, as this is so important when I have to deal with late withdrawals. We will ensure that everyone gets a game. The returns will be used as the

basis of team selection in late February and if you wish John to consider you please ensure you respond by the end of January. It is suggested that you enter your requests in your personal diary to avoid the chance of double bookings and the need to consider cancelling if selected later in the year.

You are also asked to pay your renewal fee for the season and there is a standing order form available on the website for this to make it a little bit easier for the Treasurer.

Finally please contact me if you have any concerns, issues or requests and I will do what I can to ensure the continuing smooth running, tradition and success of the Association.

**Peter Short** – Secretary

# Summer Tour 2014

*Lithuania – Vilnius*

Monday 23 June  
to Friday 27 June

[www.lemeridienvilnius.com](http://www.lemeridienvilnius.com)

Unlimited Golf at Le Meridian V Club with the option to play at The Capitals Golf Club, plus free access to Health Club and Spa

*Cost approx £430 per person, based on two people sharing a twin bedded room B&B, including flights*

*Single supplement + £125*

*£100 deposit required by the end of February 2014 to ensure your place*

*Please send payment to  
**Peter Short**, Secretary*



# Fixtures and functions 2014

Please make a special note of our **internal meetings\*** and enjoy the opportunity to meet many other Captains and Past captains of Buckinghamshire golf clubs.

DATE 2014	FIXTURE	A
<b>Friday 21 March</b>	Men's Dinner	Harleyford
<b>Thursday 24 April *</b>	Spring Meeting	Calcot Park
<b>Wednesday 7 May</b>	Bedfordshire	Apsley Guise
<b>Thursday 22 May</b>	Northamptonshire	Kettering
<b>Tuesday 27 May</b>	Hampshire	Royal Winchester
<b>Thursday 29 May</b>	Ladies Match	Lambourne
<b>Wednesday 18 June</b>	South Wales Coast	Ellesborough
<b>Mon 23 to Fri 27 June</b>	Summer Tour	Lithuania
<b>Wednesday 2 July</b>	4 Counties South	Broadway
<b>Thursday 3 July</b>	Surrey	Betchworth
<b>Monday 7 July</b>	London	Gryms Dyke
<b>Tuesday 22 July *</b>	Captain's Day	Harleyford
<b>Tuesday 5 August</b>	Warwickshire	Chiltern Forest
<b>Monday 11 August</b>	Oxfordshire	Burnham Beeches
<b>Wednesday 13 August</b>	4 Counties North	Flackwell Heath
<b>Thursday 28 August</b>	Cambridgeshire	Bourne
<b>Thursday 11 September</b>	Kent	Oaklands Park
<b>Thursday 18 September</b>	Hertfordshire	Buckingham
<b>Wednesday 24 September</b>	Sussex	Richings Park
<b>Wednesday 22 October *</b>	Autumn Meeting & AGM	Beaconsfield





# Web site

All the matches and associated information for the last 4 years can be seen, as well as all the matches for 2014. When the teams for 2014 are chosen from your returns all invitees and reserves will also be shown. Additionally you can also browse the official club clothing, view a list of past ABGC captains, and download a Standing Order form for your subscription. Newsletters from 2010 and the annual booklet can be seen on the download link [www.abgc.org.uk/memberdownloads](http://www.abgc.org.uk/memberdownloads)

If any member has any suggestions for additions or improvements to the website , please let me know

**Peter Short** –Secretary

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