

## CROSBY BEACON 2014

A quick 'How did it all go' synopsis.

Benign conditions, overcast with a slight wind from the shore. West Lancs on first appearance looked like it had always done, remote, individual fairways narrowly disappearing into the distance. This year however, the course looked more jungle like than before. The wet weather and sunshine of this summer had created a seriously hungry hairy green beast from the gobbling golf ball armpits of doom. Once you had hit your ball into the rough it was anywhere from 2-5 shots to get it back out into play. Bob 'The Tank' Timmis walked into this undergrowth and like Big Foot he disappeared from view in 3 shorter than average steps. Ball spotter Graham did the same, eventually appearing from the undergrowth (15<sup>th</sup> fairway) after having his most sensitive areas attacked by trifid like carnivores nettles latching to his legs.

It became a day of survival. With all this in mind, the atmosphere was palpable. Leading us all out Dave Houlding went first and teed up his ball, thinking he's about to rip the ball down the middle, he backs up and like a fully mature African lion opens his mouth as wide as it could go and yawns like no one else can, his epiglottis on full display for all and sundry, it was a great yawn, his heart rate finally ticked over, he was ready. Tom 'Lobster' Gray forgot to put sunscreen on earning him his first nickname, he played exceptionally well coming second in our group from Moortown. Andy needed a machete after falling foul of this rough just 1 yard off the fairway on two occasions. Eddie was heading for a tidy 77 when his 17<sup>th</sup> hole nemesis grabbed his ball and wouldn't give it back without a struggle. Everyone had a thoroughly good time and they played their hearts out, great effort guys, it just wasn't meant to be this year.

- A. A huge thank you to our spotters Graham Ethrington, John Lane and Dave Marriott, you guys saved us 5-10 shots at least! Antony, you were spot on again with your bags of sustenance and refreshments – perfect. Thank you to our caddies Marcus Shepherd, Bob Timmis and Judy Owens, you guys made it all the smoother an experience for our players, superb job, well done.

We finished mid table and the results were as follows:

- B. **The Team:**
- **Eddie 'Impeccably Dressed' Hammond (Pro) (81)**
  - **David 'The Great Yawn' Houlding (78)**
  - **Andy 'Boom Boom' Jones (85)**
  - **Tom 'Lobster' Gray (80)**
- C. **Venue:** West Lancs
- D. **When:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June
- E. **Bacon buttie:** On arrival
- F. **Tee Time:** 10:40am
- G. **Transport:** We'll be leaving MGC car park at **7:30am**.
- H. **Caddies Confirmed:** Marcus Shepherd, Bob Timmis, Judy Owens & Pete Owens
- I. **Central Command:** Antony Burrows was on hand with goodies and water. Brian Hutchinson and Kay Houlding joined us too in support, along with Laura Jones who was missing Frankie like crazy.
- J. **Spotters:** Graham Ethrington, John Lane and Dave Marriott.

Regards,  
Pete Owens  
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