

# Le Touquet – Captains Tour report

## Day 1 (Sunday) - Traveling

Beautiful day, pick-up points organised superbly, everybody happy, apart from Phil the driver, who, I guess, not being a golfer didn't appreciate the amount of equipment required. "you can't ...'kin bring that on 'ere" meant quite a few Trollies, batteries etc were left behind.

Phil's quick exit from Chipping Norton meant Richard had to jump in his car again and chase the Bus to Water Eaton, fortunately made it before Phil took off again. What fun !

A very pleasant journey though, very smooth, no delays and lubricated with a plentiful and wide choice Beers, generously supplied by captain Keith. Arrived in Le Touquet ahead of schedule and allowed plenty of time for freedom to roam this beautiful town, with lovely sandy beaches and Beach bars. Les Pirates and Waikiki are commended, especially for Sundowners.



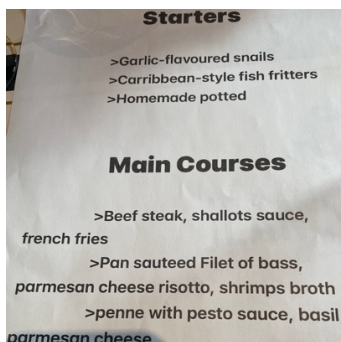
Les Pirates



Waikiki



Lovely dinner at Jean's Café in Le Touquet, L'escargot and Steak on the menu and copious amounts of wine.



## Day 2 (Monday) 1<sup>st</sup> day of golf at La Mer

Very nice course, bit of a walk to 1<sup>st</sup> tee and from the 18<sup>th</sup>, but superb Bar terrace to refresh.

Players relaxing after breakfast before the coach to La Mer.



The 'Fines' master relaxes on the way to the course



As for the Golf, Andy Mills, David Lakin, Graham Robinson and Mike Ford lead the way with 41 points. The average points for the day was 35.5.

We all enter Dave Ryan's swindle, but some of us lose our ball on the 1<sup>st</sup> hole, 1<sup>st</sup> day !!

Free choice of restaurants for Dinner, 'Fruits de Mer' seemed to be very popular.



Drinking continued back at the hotel, with the 'Gazzmaster' (Gary Goymer) and Il Presidenti Tim deciding to have their own version of the G20 summit, they were putting the world to rights until 3.40 am !!

### Day 3 (Tuesday) 2nd day of golf at Belle Dune

This proves to be a tough day's golf on a lovely, but lengthy golf course. Long walks between green and tee, quite undulating and in 32 degrees of heat was quite energy sapping, especially for those who didn't get an electric trolley or buggy.

Andy Mills and Dave Ryan lead the way with 43 points, but the overall average at 33.7 points is the lowest of the 3 days.

Dinner in the largest restaurant in town, our party dining alongside the England Rugby team who are based in Le Touquet for the world cup.



### Day 4 (Wednesday) 3rd day of golf at Hardelot

This seemed to be most people's favourite course, a fair test and still very hot, but the average score is the highest at 37.4 points.

David Lakin and Richard Squires lead the way here with 44 points, but Andy mills not far behind on 42 points.

The final results results are announced on the Coach back to Calais. (See below)

A very enjoyable tour with the following notable achievements:

1. Getting the entire Codgerati on WhatsApp, and getting them using it, a masterstroke.
2. Hiring Phil the comedian, definitely glass half full by the end of the tour.
3. Getting John Rees home safely

## The trip home

Everyone still has their passport so no issues at the numerous checkpoints, but sadly the shuttle is delayed, some cancellations due to an escaped convict apparently.

Dave Ryan announces the winners of his swindle who end up taking home pockets full of pound coins. The scores for the tour, carefully assembled and recorded by Graham Robinson are announced, a very close thing, but Andy Mills wins from David Lakin, after taking his third score into account.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Best 2
Andy M	41	43	42	<u>85</u>
David Lakin	41	39	44	<u>85</u>
Richard	37	31	44	<u>81</u>
Ian	36	40	39	<u>79</u>
Brian	36	32	43	<u>79</u>
Graham	41	37	35	<u>78</u>
Colin	37	34	41	<u>78</u>
Mike R	36	34	42	<u>78</u>
Glyn	35	33	43	<u>78</u>
David R	33	43	35	<u>78</u>
Mike F	41	25	37	<u>78</u>
Mike P	38	33	39	<u>77</u>
Mike Swann	36	39	37	<u>76</u>
Hans	36	40	33	<u>76</u>
Ray D	38	30	38	<u>76</u>
Ollie	34	31	41	<u>75</u>
David	33	37	37	<u>74</u>
Keith	37	31	37	<u>74</u>
Frank	36	32	37	<u>73</u>
Tim	34	37	35	<u>72</u>
Naill	37	27	35	<u>72</u>
Ray	33	27	38	<u>71</u>
Gary	33	37	33	<u>70</u>
Roger	35	31	35	<u>70</u>
Paul	27	33	35	<u>68</u>
Alan B	33	33	33	<u>66</u>
Keith W	33	30	33	<u>66</u>
John R	27	25	26	<u>53</u>

The coach full of tired but happy golfers becomes quiet back in Blighty, even Glyn (Long story short) Hall eventually runs out of tales to recount and despite a close run thing on the tachometer, we all get home safely.

A great tour, well done to all and especially Captain Keith.