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I have a dream. Well not really a dream, more your recurring nightmare actually. In this dream I have had the dubious honour of being picked to play for my club’s A team at a course I had not yet had the pleasure of playing.

I arrive at the bar with my teammates in good time and having donned my spikes I am pleased to hear the Captain suggest a couple of swift drinks as a kind of pre-match warming up strategy. Having found the bar I learn that I have been chosen to play first. This immediately fills me with that sickening feeling of trepidation one gets when one realises that the arena that is to be one’s control lunge is to be witnessed by a sizeable audience made up of one’s peers.

Then to my horror I notice that the opposition is already climbing up onto the 1st tee. Such an action would not normally relegate a dream like this to the category of nightmare but in this case the 1st tee is the bar. Yes that’s right, on the bar top, inside the clubhouse. A couple of the local members open up a window at the far end of the lounge and my opponent having mounted the top of the bar casually tees up a ball. Following a cursory glance at the seemingly impossible target he effortlessly dispatches a precision shot through the open window, through the car park, through an archway at the end of the car park and out onto the middle of the 1st fairway.

I am left totally stunned by his demonstration of complete mastery of what I always considered to be a painfully difficult game. As he then gracefully steps down from the bar I notice all the assembled masses including my team-mates turn to me in hushed expectation of a repeat performance. With a stomach churning sense of imminent and total humiliation I make my way to the so called 1st tee.

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Amid disapproving leers from what at first glance appear to be a packed clubhouse, I clumsily scramble up onto the top of the bar and skate along the polished surface leaving a series of irreparable scratches on the way with my spikes. Having made several hopeless attempts to get the tee in the bar top I simply rest the ball on the polished surface and stand up to face the huge crowd which I now notice are rapidly losing confidence in my abilities and are running for cover.

I wait for the ball to stop rolling all over the surface of the bar and shake-ily place the clubhead behind the ball among the half-filled glasses and ash-trays. I then glance at the open window at the end of the lounge, the car park beyond and the distant arch-way with just a glimpse of the fairway beyond that. Having resolved to make some sort of an attempt at a golf swing I draw the club back only for it to immediately crash into the optics behind me.

At this point in the nightmare I wake up to find that the whisky and gin that is drenching me is in fact cold sweat.

Now from this account of what has become a regular nightmare especially during the playing season, you may conclude that I am a paranoid schizophrenic with sociopathic tendencies and I would not necessarily disagree with this diagnosis. But I suspect I am not alone in having an irrational fear of the 1st tee. In fact I could argue that such a phobia is positively endemic among your average golfer. We are not as confident as we would like to portray. Was it Adler or Jung who theorised that we all have a phobia is positively endemic among your average golfer. We are not as confident as we would like to portray. Was it Adler or Jung who theorised that we all have a phobia is positively endemic among your average golfer. We are not as confident as we would like to portray. Was it Adler or Jung who theorised that we all have...
thoughts is to try and create some awareness of the 1st tee and its location. Having explained how vast numbers of mere mortals have come to dread the thought of the 1st tee, how can we the greenkeeper, or maybe the course architect, make life a little less stressful for the inebriated player when he takes the long walk to what is seen as ritual embarrassment.

Now my idea of a good 1st tee is one that is found some distance from the clubhouse. A small putting green should be located 20 or 30 yards from it so as to keep waiting golfers away from the scene of potential unease. The tee should be located down a path and surrounded by trees. The 1st fairway must be totally free of any arboreal encumbrances, bunkers and water of any description and indeed anything that could in anyway, shape or form be seen as potentially hazardous. The fairway itself should be several hundred yards in width and any rough that is visible should be short and wispy. Now that is my idea of a relaxing 1st tee and as we are all aware the game of golf should be a form of relaxation.

The very worst 1st tee is where the architect has indulged in some form of warped sadism and located it right outside the clubhouse where one can sense the critical eyes of the assembled drunken multitude sneering down with a look of utter disdain. The hole itself does not have to be exceptionally testing, as then incompetence could in some way be excused, but it does have to be in full view of the clubhouse. A classic example of this is St Andrews, where despite the fairway being one of the most generous in the world, it is overlooked by the most imposing of clubhouses and where there always appears to be a gallery of disconcerting proportions. Faced with this, even the likes of former champion Ian Baker-Finch crumbled under the pressure of it all and failed to find the golf course both left and right a few years ago in the Open. So what hope do the rest of us have.

At this point may I suggest another alternative if the total redesigning of the 1st hole is not an option. My suggestion is that the governing bodies of the game get together and with an almighty show of sympathetic solidarity change the rules of golf to allow the optional 1st tee mulligan on all forms of competition.

As I admit this scenario is somewhat unlikely, then can I offer some advice to my fellow golfers who suffer from this cruel affliction. This advice let me assure you, is not based on any whim or hunch but is rather the product of some 30 years of experience of the game and the unravelling of many thousands of written words on the subject. The strategy I have developed over the years is derived from a fusion of modern western know-how and that of ancient eastern Zen Buddhism.

The secret of conquering first tee nerves starts at home when you get into the car. Drive to the course slowly and deliberately while paying special attention to your breathing which should be steady and rhythmic and centred in the lower abdominal region. Chanting Buddhist mantras is optional at this point.

Arrive to the course early and change into the correct golfing attire. Green is deemed to have a calming influence so include it to some degree. Do not make the mistake of shrouding yourself from head to spiked shoe in luminous green garb as this may induce projectile vomiting among your playing partners. When you have changed, amble to the pro shop to sign in a full 30 minutes ahead of time. Having done that never, repeat never, go to the practice range but instead and in a controlled leisurely manner walk to the bar and partake in several large alcoholic beverages. Then having achieved a state of relaxation and inner harmony within yourself, and ensuring that your Yin and Yang are in balance, stagger to the 1st tee. On getting there you will not be in any fit state to hit your tee shot but you won't give a monkey's about the result.

Sandy McDivot
Head Greenkeeper
Sludgecombe Pay & Play.
I would like to start by thanking the Scottish Region for inviting me to their Championship at East Kilbride on June 16. The tournament was played in very windy and sometimes wet conditions, but the scoring was excellent with two gross rounds of 72 leading the way, and how nice it was to see Cecil George picking up a prize. The course was in the first class condition and the clubhouse staff looked after us with a smile and cheerfulness all too rarely seen these days in service.

Once again the hospitality of the Scottish Region boys was superb. They always make you feel you must return to Scotland as soon as possible, and in Peter Boyd they have a gem of an Administrator. Thanks again, I will remember the day for a long time.

My nest engagement was our Golf Day at Aldwark on June 21. The day started in warm sunshine and yours truly was in the first match out, and escaped the heavy rain which fell later in the afternoon. It just goes to show that the sun shines on the righteous, but it was a great day enjoyed by all who took part.

My thanks go to J. Rothschild Assurance who supported the event and also took an active part. Aldwark Manor staff once again excelled themselves, the barbecue was superb, and the course prepared by Richard Gamble and his staff has never looked better. The presentation of prizes was carried out by international footballer Lee Clark from Sunderland FC. Of course this day could never take place without the support of our company friends who entered teams. My thanks to them all, and finally to Sarah who organised the whole day so well. 

My thanks to them all, and in my chief contribution to the proceedings, I would like to congratulate Kerran Daly MG on his appointment as Course Manager for Gog Magog Golf Club, Cambridge. It does, unfortunately, mean we lose him off the Board of Management, as he now moves out of the South West and South Wales Region which he represented.

However, all is not lost as they say, Kerran was invited by the Board and accepted the position as our representative on the GTC Technical Committee. We are grateful to his new club for giving him their support.

I was reading an old Golf Illustrated the other day, from 1936, and one article caught my eye. The leading topic in the world of golf was that modern golf balls were being blamed for the present day low scores. After much talk about the improvements of the golf ball, the writer went on to explain how conditions had changed. To quote from the article “who can deny that the conditions of courses today have improved out of all knowledge to what they were in pre-war days. The lies which are obtained through the fairways of today and the perfect putting surfaces on greens have taken the element of luck out of the game. When you do that and put alongside the improvements of the implements used now it’s no wonder the scores have come down. I do, however, feel that the conditions have made the biggest impact.” (What’s changed?) He goes on to say “that the advent of the steel shaft was the beginning of the prodigious driving. If anyone doubts what the modern set of steel shafted clubs are capable of doing, then pick up a mixed bag of hickory shafted clubs and see if you can convince yourself that they are as effective.” By the way, a top class golf ball costs 2/- each and top of the range deluxe woods were 2 1/- each with irons 1 7/6. So although much has changed in 63 years, it seems to me the same discussions go on today as then. You must wonder how they would see greens today if, as the writer said, the putting surfaces on the greens then were perfect. I just thought some of the older members would be interested.