

# SEALEY TAKES REVENGE AT CHIPPENHAM GOLF CLUB



Chris, pictured here on the right, with the rest of the team

This year's Captain at Chippenham, Quentin Grandison, has served on the Greens' Sub Committee for four years and it was his idea to run the Sealey's Revenge - a fun competition, allowing me to set up the course just the way I wanted it!

After several meetings when some of my more extreme ideas were discounted, we came up with a final plan. The surprise for me was that Q insisted I play in the competition and present the prizes. That would give our members the opportunity to 'abuse' me face to face rather than through the committee.

The course was set up with:

- Pins on steep slopes with greens rolled up to ten times (we managed to get several up to 18-19 on the stimp meter). Some were so severe I had to put in a winter hole cup as it was the only way to get the ball in the hole.
- We placed huge logs on the 2nd green for players to putt around.
- Pins were placed behind trees, bunkers with the sand piled up into deep ridges.
- OOB posts on the edge of fairways, holes cut on temporary greens at fairway height

- Holes cut on collars so they had to putt off the green to get to the hole.

- The 12 hole (Par 3) is near our shed so there's always machinery parked which annoys the ladies, so we parked a Cushman right in front of the green, complete with an Indian mannequin in the back dressed in a high-viz jacket, helmet and ear defenders!

- Tee markers were placed behind trees (particularly for the Captain as he is left handed), tee markers moved forward to ensure more people went into ditches.

- We also installed two large Blue tarpaulins in the 18th bunker to make two ponds, complete with yellow plastic ducks. The members entered into spirit of the day by feeding them bread.

The course was incredibly tough and I was threatened and my parentage questioned. I asked for refuge in the ladies' locker room but was informed that I would lose an important part of my anatomy.

Everyone had a really great day and I received lots of praise for my imagination although perhaps being described as a 'vindictive b...' isn't praise. I got 23 points and 39 won.

A very good score under the circumstances.

Most importantly we designated the competition as a charity day for Help for Heroes. Twelve soldiers back from Afghanistan played, and stayed for prize giving to thank the Club for our support. We raised £1,000 on the day for a very worthy cause with support from the local press.

The downside is that they want me to do it again next year so I'll need to invent alternative way of ruining their game.

*Chris Sealey*



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