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**Brundtlandbanen Toftlund Invest A/S**  
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Closing date for applications

28<sup>th</sup> April 2000

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Applications must be received by the Club at its home address Rungsted Golf Klub, Vestre Stationsvej 16, DK – 2960 Rungsted Kyst not later than 20 April 2000.

*For further information on our Club, please check our Web-site [www.rungstedgolfklub.dk](http://www.rungstedgolfklub.dk), or call the Club treasurer Mr. Jorn Styczen at +45 33 55 23 18 during working hours or +45 45 41 44 46 in the evening.*





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**Sandy McDivot finds himself in the dishonourable company of world golfers**

# Turning a blind eye?

I was watching TV the other day and made my usual choice of tuning in to the BBC. I do this because there is this theory that they do not interrupt programmes with adverts. This is of course complete absurdity as the BBC delights in spending our licence fee on adverts. The only difference is that all these adverts are about themselves.

One such commercial you may have seen extolling the virtues of the corporation showed a renowned female British athlete claiming that she had asked God that morning to give her wings to help her in the race. "And he did," she claimed. Amazing, God actually gave her wings!

So that morning I decided not to ask the good lord for a pair of wings but merely if he would be so kind as to give me a half decent putting stroke for the monthly medal that afternoon. And he didn't. In fact at the risk of blasphemy he replaced my usual uncoordinated effort with something that had more resemblance to a brain convulsion.

However, after reflecting on my misery I concluded that if God had indeed granted me my request I could well have been contravening rule 14.3 on receiving artificial assistance and could therefore be accused of cheating.

But going back to the subject of highly tuned female athletes, I spotted the Lady Captain playing on the 2nd green a while ago when on morning switching duty. As I had some trivial matter in which to discuss with her I approached the green and stood at the side waiting for her to putt. Due to her fading retina and the low set morning sun directly behind me I realised that despite looking towards me she had not a clue I was in the vicinity. Then to my amazement and with her partner aimlessly thrashing about in some distant bunker, she picked up her ball and moved it several feet closer to the hole. Now faced with this situation of flagrant cheating by the Lady

Captain there are three options a greenkeeper has.

1) Approach the Lady Captain's partner and inform her that the most respected member of her section has just committed the ultimate sin and should be banished from the club.

2) Quickly and quietly withdraw and forget all you have seen.

3) Go to the Lady Captain and casually explain everything you have just witnessed and suggest that a fairly hefty sum of cash deposited in your own personal benevolent fund would be sufficient to insure that the whole unsavoury matter is kept from the waiting world.

Of course in the interest of any long-term career prospects option 2) is the only course of action that should be taken.

But the subject of cheating is far from alien to greenkeepers. I don't know what it is but to golfers we greenkeepers seem to be completely invisible. (This is especially so when we are within range of their worst hit drives) So given this ability of ours to blend into the surrounding flora, acts of golfing dishonesty are often witnessed by the greenkeeper who the golfer either never notices or who is convinced that as a person that cuts grass we would be entirely ignorant of matters concerning the games regulations.

Here at Sludgecombe being a club that's only criteria for accepting members is can they come up with the readies, we have more than one example of such persons of dubious character. A few have been politely kicked out but one still remains and indeed is a popular member of the club. This has happened for two reasons. The first is that this particular person despite his suspect integrity does not make the fatal error of actually winning any of the clubs silverware. The second is that he has a lucrative sideline whereby he inflicts violence on people for financial reward. This is a job that he is especially good at with baseball bat

forcibly applied to patella being his speciality. As he finds this a rewarding tax-free occupation the membership as a whole have never felt they have much moral obligation to confront him with the irrefutable evidence that they have at their disposal.

But for real high performance in the unrecognised skill of cheating we have to go much further afield. At the risk of serious litigation I have always felt that certain, and I must emphasise a tiny minority, of professions are especially proficient in this art form.

I have a good friend who is a professional but I should point out that he is one of the honest majority. He has often witnessed examples of golfing deceit and some of them are absolute classics.

Of course there is the standard pro format of the suspect pro with the hand chosen team that decide dishonesty is the best policy and basically make the score up as they go along. Top pro, team prize, closest to the hole, longest drive, you name it they win it. But that is straightforward corruption and requires little in the way of imagination. I prefer the tale he told me of a player who had a brilliant stratagem when playing in those sponsored pro-ams where there was a hole-in-one prize on offer. If, as would sometimes be the case, visibility was obscured by dense fog or mist on the hole offering the reward, he would overclub by miles, hit the ball and claim to anyone within earshot that he had hit it perfectly and the ball would surely be close. Then following a cursory search and some nifty handiwork he would pick the ball out of the hole claiming the ace. The ball of course was in reality some distance over the green in an adjacent field but a nice sponsor's car was once again in the garage.

I also like the well documented story about the pro whose father was a famous ice hockey star. During a qualifying event he had decided that an erasure applied to scorecard card