

# "My Old Man's a Golfer"

## With apologies to Lonnie Donegan

SMERGS

NOW HERES A LITTLE STORY, I'LL TELL IT FOR A LARK,  
ABOUT A BUNCH OF GOLFERS WHO TEE OFF IN THE DARK  
SOME PEOPLE THINK THEY'RE CRAZY, OTHERS THINK THEY'RE MAD,  
THEIR TEE SHOTS ARE NOT PRETTY, THEY'RE OFTEN FAIRLY SAD.

OH WE'RE A BUNCH OF GOLFERS WE'VE PLAYED FOR 35 YEARS  
WE DON'T GET ANY BETTER EVEN WHEN THE DARKNESS CLEARS  
OUR TEE SHOTS ARE RARELY GLORIOUS, IT'S THE TREES THAT INTERFERE,  
'YOU COULD TRY HITTING STRAIGHT YOU KNOW' IS A CRY WE OFTEN HEAR.

I'LL START WITH THE LEGENDS OF CARLOS ROAD WHO BEGAN THIS RIDICULOUS PURSUIT,  
AT SIX OCLOCK IN THE MORNING WHEN THEY COULDN'T GET A ROOT,  
'IF YOU WANT TO USE SOME BALLS AND A CLUB' OUR WIVES THEY WOULD EXPLAIN  
'GET IN THE CAR AND TEE IT UP AND THEN I WON'T COMPLAIN'.

SO ROB AND PHIL AND RICK AND PHIL AND PETER DOWN THE ROAD  
HAD A CONVERSATION AND THEIR IDEAS OVERFLOWED.  
IT MUST BE QUICK AND EARLY THEY CONCLUDED WITHOUT FUSS,  
WE'LL PLAY 9 HOLES ON ANY COURSE WHERE THEY WILL WELCOME US.

FIRST CAMMERAY, THEN CASTLE CRAG AND OTHERS IN BETWEEN  
BUT THEN THEY DISCOVERED ROYAL NORTHBRIDGE, THE BEST THERE'S EVER BEEN.  
IT'S SHORT AND HILLY AND A BLOODY GOOD WALK SO IT SHOULD KEEP US FIT,  
AND THEN ITS OFF FOR BREAKFAST SO WE CAN ANALYSE IT.

THE NUMBERS SOON EXPANDED WITH ALAN, PETER & NICK,  
AND THEY WERE VERY SOON FOLLOWED BY KEN AND TIM AND RICK.  
THE QUALITY WASN'T IMPROVING THE PUTTING ALL OVER THE JOINT,  
THEN MIKE OR STEVE WOULD SOON SPEAK UP, I THINK I SCORED A POINT.

ALONG THE WAY THE NUMBERS INCREASED AS GARY JOINED THE FOLD,  
HIS DRIVE ON THE TENTH IS ALWAYS GREAT, IN THE DARK HE'S ALWAYS BOLD.  
BUT SOMETHING HAPPENS WHEN HE LEAVES THAT TEE, HIS CONTROL IT IS ERODED,  
AND WHEN HE REACHES THE 18TH GREEN HIS ROUND HAS OFTEN IMPODED.

WE SOON ATTRACTED OVERSEAS STARS THE FERREIRAS AND THE WEBBS  
WHO OFTEN FLEW IN FROM EXOTIC PLACES TO JOIN THE LOCAL PLEBS.  
THEIR GOLF HAD NOT ACCELERATED QUITE AS MUCH AS THEIR WAIST  
ITS THE NOODLES THEY CRIED ITS ALL WE EAT, ITS JUST A MATTER OF TASTE.

JAMES HALLIDAY RETURNED AFTER MANY YEARS HIS GAME IT HAD NOT CHANGED  
HIS SWING WAS FAST AND UNCONTROLLED, SOME WOULD SAY DERANGED.  
THEN WE ATTRACTED A PAIR OF STEVES MUCH TOO YOUNG FOR US  
BUT WE STILL TOOK NEW BALLS FROM THEM WITH A MINIMUM OF FUSS.

I THINK I'VE COVERED EVERYONE WITHOUT CAUSING TOO MUCH OFFENCE  
IF I'VE FORGOTTEN ANYTHING, OLD AGE IS MY DEFENCE.  
WE THANK THE SMERGETTES FOR YOUR TOLERANCE, YOUR PATIENCE AND YOUR CHARM,  
I WON'T OFFER ANY MORE COMPLIMENTS IT JUST MIGHT CAUSE ALARM.

SO FINALLY TO OUR FOUNDERS, FINE GOLFERS FROM CARLOS ROAD,  
WHO COULD IMAGINE THE FUN WE'VE HAD AND THE FAIRWAYS WE HAVE STRODE.  
I'LL END THIS DITTY WHICH OVERFLOWS WITH FLATTERY AND FUN  
BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM QUITE THE SAME NOT BEING RUDE TO ANYONE.

OH MY OLD MANS A GOLFER HE WEARS A FINE SMERGS HAT,  
HE PROUDLY WEARS A SMERGS SHIRT SO HE CAN REVEL IN THAT.  
HE LOOKS A PROPER NANA WHEN HE DRIVES IT OUT OF BOUNDS  
LETS HOPE HE CONTINUES PLAYING FOR MANY MANY MORE ROUNDS.

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