

The Edge Entertainment Agency – Quality Entertainment Booking Service

Ian Richards - Comic & After Dinner Speaker

When booking an After Dinner Speaker or Comedian for your function, it is always important to select someone who has a proven track record of entertaining at the highest levels, with the ability to gauge carefully the mood of the audience and tailor his act to cater for all ages and tastes.



In over twenty two years as a full time professional Ian has worked literally all over the world, including The Falklands, Ascension Isles, Germany, Belgium, Florida, Spain, Holland & France. He has made over 500 appearances for the British Forces on the mainland alone and appeared in Summer Shows in Jersey, Gt. Yarmouth, Scarborough, Bridlington, Cromer and The Isle of Wight and for all the major Holiday Centres including: Butlins, Pontins, Haven Warner, Bourne Leisure and hundreds of other smaller operators.

Since 1990 Ian has been carving out a well recognised and respected niche in the after dinner market, establishing himself as one of the most in demand performers on the circuit today. Totally reliable, impeccably presented, with fresh material and of course most importantly very funny !!

SPORTING CONNECTIONS



During the last decade Ian has appeared at some of the countries most prestigious sporting events working hand in hand with many of our Countries Sporting Legends including: Sir Geoff Hurst, Sir Bobby Charlton, Freddie Trueman, Ian Botham, Gordon Banks, Martin Peters, Bill Beaumont, Gareth Edwards, Frank Bruno, Barry McGuigan, Jack Charlton to name a few.

Ian is a regular at most of the Premiership Football Clubs and many clubs throughout the Nationwide Leagues and lower divisions. Having been asked to perform at many players testimonial dinners, he has also entertained the clubs sponsors and guests at numerous pre and post match events.

In 1996 Ian spoke at many hospitality events for the Euro 96 Football Championships at: Villa Park, Hillsborough, Old Trafford and including the final at Wembley Stadium.

In the same year Ian compered The Boys of 66 World Cup Winners 30th Anniversary Theatre Tour, and hosted the Reunion Dinner at London's famous Football Football Restaurant.

As a former keen rugby player himself Ian has enjoyed being invited to speak at some important rugby events over the past few years. He has worked in all levels of the game from home international hospitality to World Cup Dinners with the famous All Blacks and at many of the countries top clubs in both rugby union and rugby league.

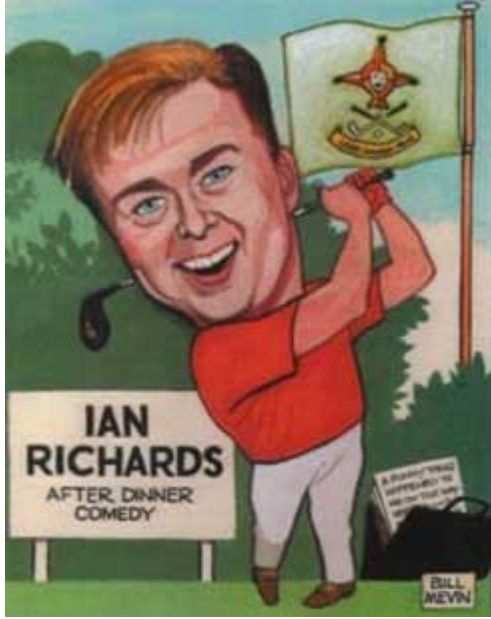
Other notable sporting appearances:

Mike Atherton Testimonial Dinner, Coral Racing Conference, Ryder Cup Preview Dinner, Trane UK Boxing Dinner,

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95,96,98,99 & 2000, Henley Yacht Club, MCC at Lords, The Oval & World Cup France 98.



SPECIALISING IN GOLF

As a Past Captain Jester, Chairman and long standing member of The Comedians Golfing Society, Ian is the ideal compliment to any golfing event and has perhaps the most impressive list of credits and references available today. He has also spoken at some of the very finest events at most of Europe's major golf clubs and at both corporate, society and private golf club functions.

When the agenda allows Ian will always accept an invitation to join the clients for golf during the day and enter fully into the spirit of the occasion.

Playing off a single figure handicap he has a unique insight into what makes golfers and golf days tick. He is also been a regular visitor to Spain, Portugal and France accompanying companies and their clients on golfing excursions and adding extra sparkle to what is always a memorable trip.

The following quotes form part of thank you letters from a variety of personalities and events in the recent past.

"All the members were talking about the evening on Saturday morning. Your timing, quality delivery and material combine to make you the leading after dinner entertainer"

Alan Webb, Millennium Captain, Bishops Stortford Golf Club.

"A real pro and a great lad to work with, he did everything he could to make my part of the evening sweet as a nut before standing up and storming them himself"

Harry Redknapp, Manager West Ham United Football Club.

"Thank you so much for a truly great performance at our Annual Stag Dinner on Sunday night, I really can praise you sufficiently for your superb handling of what was definitely the toughest spot of the whole evening"

Jerry Stevens, Tournament & Events Director, Variety Club of GB Golf Society

"Being old enough to remember how some of the greats like Max Miller and Tommy Trinder could handle and entertain lively audiences I thought your performance reached those professional heights"

Jim Grice, Captian of Camberley Heath Golf Club, Annual Dinner

"I am in awe of your ability to speak and listen to the mood of the room, I would recommend you as a speaker to anyone and look forward to hearing your special brand of humour again"

Mike Owen, Foundation Chairman, Rotary Club of Reigate Hill Annual Dinner

"Everyone enjoyed the evening and your 42 minute presentation seemed just one moment of delight!"

Rosemary Wood, The Institute of Building Management, Annual Conference

"You gave us all a marvellous time and we are extremely grateful to you for adding that special touch to make our Golf Day such a success"

Mehendra Mehta, Director, Garnett Paper, Annual Golf Day

"I have received numerous calls from members and guests saying how much they enjoyed your performance, it is a great comfort to me as an organiser to know i can depend on someone like yourself"

Major Des Chapman, RLC. Army Rugby Union Referee's Dinner

"Ian had a rowdy football club crowd, late at night, eating out of the palm of his hand with hardly a swearword in sight, I will look forward to working with him again soon".

Peter Shilton, OBE MBE, England's Most Capped Footballer

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