



Tiverton Golf Club Newsletter

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Captain

Our first outing in the Palairot took place on a miserable day at Bovey Castle against Torquay on 12th June and it looked as if the result was going to be as bad as the weather, with the score being 2/2. But our last pair out on the course were two down with two to play. The opposition however, had a nervy three-putt on 17 and two excellent shots on the 18th meant we had sudden death. It was nail-biting stuff but we managed to hold our nerve better than the opposition to win. Congratulations to the whole team, caddies and supporters who did us proud. We now face Downes Crediton at Honiton on Sunday 3rd July in the next round.

Congratulations also to our *Mail on Sunday* Classic team who had another win in round 5 and beat Holsworthy in round 6 3/2 on Sunday 26th June so now progress to Round 7 – an outstanding achievement. My thanks to Jim Mardell and everyone at Tolchards for the Pro-Am they held on 14th June. It was an excellent day (I managed to be in the winning team) but more especially, they held a raffle with a fantastic first prize and raised £790 for my charity. Congratulations to Matt Woodgate for winning the Granlund Scratch Cup and becoming Club Champion 2011. He also beat Nixie Acfield in a very exciting 4 hole playoff, by one shot to win the President's Cup.

Finally, my thanks to all of you (and there are too many for me to list here) who contributed in one way or another to making my Captain's Day such a great success. We raised just under £1,700 on the day, despite the morning weather, but everyone appeared to have an enjoyable time. Thanks again.

Tony Allsopp, Captain

Ladies

It does look at the moment as though April was "summer" but let's hope the sun will shine on us soon! Thanks to Tony for a very entertaining Captain's Day! Playing the 14th with the driver for all shots was a challenge!! The refreshments halfway round were very welcome.

Jess has now reduced her handicap to 0!!!! I don't know when we last had (if ever) a scratch lady golfer at our Club and we are all very proud of her achievements.

Jo Lloyd-Davies and Carolyn Maynard won the first round of the Vets 4BBB against Axe Cliff at Sidmouth. Maureen Postles and Shirley Ward lost in the 2nd round of the Doris Willes-Little to Woodbury at East Devon. Good luck to Oki Northwood at Droitwich on 25th June when she will be playing in the EWGA Grand Medal Finals. The 4BBB Open went off well, again thanks to Charlotte and her Team. The matches are now in full swing with mixed fortunes – including having to abandon a match due to sea mist at Bigbury! It is my Captain's Day on 13th July and the start sheet is on the board, together with entry sheet for anyone

who would like to play in the 9-hole competition. The list for the dinner will be on the board shortly, so please put your name down (and pay at the same time!). The annual match against the Vets takes place on Friday 22nd July so please sign up to play in this fun competition which will be followed by a meal.

Sue Norris, Ladies Captain

Juniors

The junior section continues to grow and develop. This year we will be sending two of our most promising youngsters for three days at the Lee Westwood Academy. This is a national programme aimed at developing golf in England. It is sponsored by Lee Westwood and he will attend one day of the event to meet all those involved. This will be a great experience for our juniors and will continue to help develop our section. To that end, the junior committee are busy raising funds to support such events. Just a reminder that every week we run a bonus ball draw in the Amory bar -- just £1 to enter. Please see the bar staff to take part.

On Sunday the 7th August we will be holding our annual Junior Open. We intend to use this event to showcase Tiverton Golf Club and our Junior Section to visitors. We plan to make it the best junior open in the south west. During the day we will be running fun events to keep competitors and parents busy and entertained. During the lead up to that event we will be running a huge prize draw as our major fundraising event for 2011. We already have a donation of a tour golf bag signed by Zach Johnson (US Masters winner, no less!) donated by Mike Hawton, our Pro. This event will raise the profile of Tiverton Golf Club and will serve as an excellent marketing opportunity to attract new adult and junior members. If anyone would like to help with this event, either via sponsorship or helping on the day, please let me know.

Finally, a quick reminder that the minibus is available for use by members of the golf club. Please see Jean in the office if you are interested.

Andy Pryce, Junior Chairman

Greens

At long last the grass is growing properly, and the benefits are there for all to see. The strip of semi rough on the 3rd fairway is doing its job, and we are going to widen it by one cut. The idea was to stop all balls rolling to the path, and thereby reducing the number of divots and poor lies. The length of grass will be light rough.

Gerry Franklin and Graham Dyson have progressed the tree report, and have had a visit from an Arboriculturist who has made recommendations. Greens and Competitions committees are liaising, and we shall report to General as soon as possible.

Two points of general housekeeping:

1. The GUR at the back of 16 has drop zones and your ball MUST be dropped in one of these, even if it ends up closer to the hole.
2. The mats on the 4th tee (yellow and white) are for general play, and we would prefer that you used these at all times. The selfish few who insist on playing from the grass, just in front of the white tee and behind the yellow tee, are not helping.

Martin Selby, Greens Chairman Veterans

This month has seen, once again, a very successful Vets Open. A total of 132 golfers took part with best overall going to Allan Harvey from Bridport. On the home front Mike Eastmond won Division 1, with John Woods winning Division 2. Best "over 70" was our own Neil Macdonald. Well done to all. On the day we made £390 for our charity (FORCE and The Tiverton Hospice) from the raffle and contributed £841.50 to the club as a percentage of the entry fees. A huge well done and thank you to Peter Stuckey, David Hazlewood and their team of helpers, for the organisation of a truly excellent day. Our performance in matches has not been too bad this month, losing at home to Lyme Regis. A big well done however to the team that held Teignmouth to an honourable half on what can be a very testing course in benign conditions. I think we had fog, gale force winds coupled with monsoon rains. Hot showers and our host's hospitality were more than welcome! Tuesday saw a well supported Summer Trophy being won by Bill Tobin carding a net 69. Tolchards, our bar suppliers, supplemented the evening meal with some fine wine on the table which helped make for a very convivial atmosphere. Many thanks to them for that gesture, much appreciated by all who attended. July will see the Veterans Cup on the 4th. Please note, this is a club competition so don't miss signing up as the sheet will be on the board in the Amory Bar. The Ambrose Congdon Cup is on the 12th with the customary meal afterwards. It would be nice to see a few more faces sitting down in the evening. We also have several matches with two home matches on both the 19th and the 26th so would appreciate lots of volunteers. If you haven't played in matches before I am sure that you would enjoy the wonderful spirit that they are all played in. Please join in.

David Mallock, Veterans Captain

Pro Shop

Latest deals - Footjy Shoes 20% discount. Vegas 60° Wedges only £99.

Ladies Clothing 25% discount

Diary Dates -Bridgestone Ball Fitting Session on 9th July.

Coming Soon – Evening Lessons specifically aimed at improving your use of a "driver". See Mike, Lewis or Rhys for further details

Mike Hawton, Professional