



Captain

I must start this month by congratulating both Abbie Moyes and Jess Bradley for their achievements at Yelverton - Jess becoming the first County Champion Tiverton has had for many years. Congratulations also to the Social Committee for the fantastic evening they organised for the balloon festival. It was great to see so many people supporting the Club and enjoying themselves. Particular thanks must go to all of those in charge of the barbeque - it's not easy coping with 180 orders but, as usual, they did us proud. I'm pleased to report that we have now actually won a Men's match (at home against Taunton and Pickeridge) but we lost the others this month and yours truly is still personally looking for his first win of the year. The *Mail on Sunday* Classic team has been drawn at home against Sturminster Marshall on Monday 30th May in round 5. June 12th sees our start in this year's Palaret competition and we face Torquay at Bovey Castle. If you're free, please come along and support the team - I'm sure you'll join me in wishing them well. I can't believe where the time has gone but June 18th is Captain's Day and the starting sheet will soon be up in the main lounge. Please come along, enter the competition and have a fun day.

Hopefully we can also raise some money for Force, that excellent local charity. If you can sponsor a hole or offer a bottle of something or an unwanted gift or a cake as a prize for the raffle, any donations will be gratefully received. Just leave them behind the bar or see me in person.

Finally, congratulations to all the green-keeping staff; the course is really taking shape and many visitors have expressed their admiration. Happy golfing.

Tony Allsopp, Captain

Ladies

The most exciting and important news is that Jess Bradley is now the DCLGA County Champion and it is the first time since 1985 we have had a Devon County Champion in our Club. Abbie Moyes also did well in the Championships - she was just one shot away from winning the 36-hole medal (gross) and won the Jose Bruce Bowl and the Phillis Collett Memorial Bowl (best nett).

Oki Northwood came third in the EWGA South West Medal Finals at St Mellion and has qualified to play in the Grand Final on Saturday 25th June at Droitwich Golf Club, Worcestershire. Oki played

three under her handicap which is now 25. Annette Cardwell and I lost in the third round of the *Daily Mail* Foursomes at Minehead on a very blustery and wet day. Shirley Ward and Maureen Postles are through to the second round of the Doris Willes-Little having beaten Ilfracombe at RND. Their next match will be at East Devon against Woodbury.

Jo Lloyd-Davies and Carolyn Maynard have played the first round of the Vets 4BBB Knockout beating Axe Cliff at Sidmouth 4&2. Well done all the winners! The Jubilee Cup was won by Anne Warne with a nett 71.

Our Silver and Bronze Cups two-round competition has been played. The Silver Cup was won by Bridget Holland who was so irritated by fact that her handicap went up in the first round, she didn't realise the overall result! This was on countback from Jane Gould and Jackie Leonard. The Bronze Cup was won by Anne Pearcey. Our President's 2 team lost away at Dartmouth but had their revenge with a 6-1 win against Dartmouth at home. They lost to East Devon away. The Still Cup team played East Devon at home and enjoyed a 5-2 win.

A plea from Shirley Ward, our Handicap Secretary - any lady who plays in a qualifying competition at another Club should bring back their card (or a copy), find out the Competition Standard Scratch, and give all details to Shirley. You need to do this, however well or badly you played in the competition! Without these details entered on our computer you might play off the wrong handicap and be disqualified.

Looking at the calendar, June is full of matches so good luck to all!

Sue Norris, Ladies' Captain

Greens

The course is beginning to look good, and, despite the dry weather, is also playing well. The bare patches on the greens are filling in but the cold weather is still restricting growth. Many thanks to everyone who has helped fill the divots. We are going to put out more buckets' as a vast improvement has already been made. Our fairways are not as good as they should be so any help is much needed. We are undertaking a long term improvement plan of verti-draining and perhaps some over-seeding in the autumn. Gerry Franklin and Graham Dyson have begun the tree survey and Steve Baker has highlighted a problem with the cherry trees to the right of the 18th fairway. We

have instructed an Arbour culturist to advise on these trees and the suggestions already made. I shall continue to update you on our progress. The ball washers are being repaired and will be put out on the course as and when they are ready.

Martin Selby, Greens Chairman

Veterans

May has been an interesting month, but not a very successful one for the Vets' competitive matches. In the first round of the Emerton Court Cup we lost out to Sidmouth. We played them away on 12th May and were soundly beaten 4-1 with John Phripp and David Grieve gaining our only point. We played the return leg at home on the 20th and narrowly failed to equal their score. This would have put Ed Tansey and Mike Hurley out with their first pair for sudden death down the 19th, and, as Ed and Mike had already beaten them 5&4, our hopes were high. However, it was not to be and the visitors pipped our last pair with a rather unexpected birdie on the 17th.

Thank you to all those who came out to support us and to everyone who took part in the selection process. Better luck to David Jack's team next year. We also played Crediton home and away. This fixture is part of our schedule of friendlies, but it is also played for the Friendship Decanter so is more important than most. Away was on the 17th May, and we lost 4-2, but lots of port was drunk from the decanter and friendships were made. Unfortunately we then lost by the same margin at home a week later, but never mind, lots of port was drunk ... etc etc. Also on 17th May (busy day for the Vets) we held a Stableford which was won by John Hooper on 43 points with Ken Nicholas (40pts) beating Keith Tadman on countback.

Earlier in the month, on the 10th, the Frank Edwards Cup was played. This is a normal Stableford off full handicap, but superimposed on it is the Cup in which players gain an extra shot for every year over their age of 70. Amazingly, Noel Thomas was beaten on countback for the second year running, John Stagg winning the Cup this year with 47 points. Mike Hurley won the Stapleford with 39 points from David Mallock on 38 points. We had an enjoyable meal afterwards. DCGU still have places available in the Seniors Strokeplay Championships at Churston on Thursday 16th June.

We now look forward to the 7th June and the first of our two Veterans' Opens. Fingers crossed for good weather!

David Mallock, Veterans' Captain