



Tiverton Golf Club Newsletter

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Captain

Well what fantastic weather. I only wish my golf was anywhere near as good. The course is looking amazing with the blossom and leaves all out and the greens coming on well. Congratulations to all the competition winners so far - there have been some amazing scores. Whilst results have not been great in the Club matches, they have been fun. My thanks to Peter Garnsworthy for standing in for me in the Minehead match and not embarrassing me by coming back with a winning team. Our *Mail on Sunday* Classic team, containing several youngsters, continues to progress. In the third round they beat Burnham and Berrow 5-0 at home and now face a visit to Wheathill in Somerset on 1st May. Our juniors also did us proud by winning several individual prizes in the Devon County Junior Spring Meeting and coming first in the team event. They now go on to represent Devon at Woodhall Spa in August in the National Finals. Congratulations to all involved. The Captain/Pro Challenge is now up and running, please see notice board in the Amory Bar for further details and dates. Lewis Hanney and I do not expect to get beaten, (I'm told Lewis is playing well but I don't think he realises how well he needs to be playing)! Enjoy your golf.

Tony Allsopp, Captain

Ladies

I'm not sure if we are enjoying a fabulous Spring or if this is Summer! Now we no longer have preferred lies through the green quite a few clever ladies have reduced their handicaps! The Kirkman Dish final was won by Ros Williams with score of +3! The following day Rachel Bray and Gail Stuckey won the Joan Mackenzie Salvors. Both they and the runners-up, Rosemary Venner and Elizabeth Marriott, have qualified to play in the Killard-Leavey Trophy later in the year. Annette Cardwell and I are through to the third round of the *Daily Mail* Foursomes having beaten Taunton & Pickeridge away. Next round – yet another away game – against Minehead! The Spring Meeting was played in the most perfect conditions. The winner on a net 70 was Nicola Chilcott – this has reduced her handicap to 12 so well done Nicola. The gross winner was Abbie Moyes on 82. A total of 70 ladies played

in the competition and 68 stayed for the meal.

The Still Cup team had a tough opening match away against Stover which they lost. The next team match is Presidents 2 against Dartmouth away. And congratulations to Mollie Budden who had 44 pts in the Junior Easter Trophy and reduced her handicap to 16.

Sue Norris, Ladies' Captain

Greens

The sun is out and the grass is growing – let's hope it lasts!

We have put a temporary tee at the back of the 4th tee for general play, off whites, to help protect the main tee. The consensus is that this makes for a much better hole. In the first week of May, the greenstaff will be putting buckets, filled with loam and grass seed, on tees in rotation. Please take one and fill in any divots you see on the relevant fairway.

We are trying to make a big improvement in the standard of fairways and trust that you will help.

In the last Ecology and Agronomist's report, our trees were mentioned again! There are some birches which are too close to some fairways and bunkers. Not only are they taking considerable goodness and light from the fairways but also their roots are causing damage. We are undertaking a survey of these trees, and also branches that severely overhang our already narrow fairways. A typical example is the trees to the right of the 7th fairway and we shall be doing some pruning once the birds have nested.

In the meantime, enjoy your golf.

Martin Selby, Greens Chairman

Juniors

The junior section is looking forward to another good season building upon the successes of 2010. Competitions have begun with Jonathan Badger winning the Easter Trophy and Tom Waldron taking the season opening Green Headland Trophy. The recent county junior event held at Tiverton also produced home grown winners in the team and individual events. Junior organiser Mark Sangster encourages all juniors to be involved in competitions, often running three separate comps within each event to suit all abilities, both for boys and girls. This takes a lot of organising and Mark manages this brilliantly!

To help, guide and support him, a small committee has been formed as well as

creating the foundations for the future of the TGC Junior section. Contact details for all committee members are available on the Junior notice board. The committee are also looking to raise funds to ensure the section can be financially self-sufficient. Every week a Lottery bonus ball raffle is run and Neil Carthew has been busy getting sponsors for all the competitions.

Andy Pryce, Junior Chairman

Veterans

April has been amazingly warm and the course is now showing definition and the greens are improving towards their summer standard. The April Vet's Stableford was played on the 5th and won by Keith Morgan on countback from Ian Brierley and Robert Southall, all of whom scored 39 points. We are now well into the friendly matches and have been able to welcome several new members into our teams.

Our Emerton Court Trophy match preparations continued with a Probables v Possibles match on 15th April. The Probables won 4-0, but there is still everything to play for and the Possibles are not out of team selection as holidays and grandchildren will inevitably affect availability. Our Emerton Court opponents will be Sidmouth and we will be playing them at Sidmouth on the 12th May at 11.00am and at home on the 20th. Support is welcome, please come along.

The DMVGA meetings have also started. Membership is open to all male players over 60, and offers the opportunity to play at a variety of courses in Devon at a very reasonable rate. Contact our representative, Peter Stuckey, for more details.

David Mallock, Veterans' Captain

Pro Shop News!

Get your season off to a flying start with a free 10-minute mini-lesson on the practice ground from our pro, Mike Hawton. Sign-up sheets will be located in the men's and ladies' changing rooms. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Special Member Deals at the Pro shop this month include:-

Vega Japanese Wedges - Were £169 Now £99

9-Hole Playing Lesson with Lewis £40

Footjoy Shoes 20% off

Custom Built set of Irons from £249

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