



Tiverton Golf Club Newsletter

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Captain

Firstly, to all members, many thanks for your tolerance while drainage work was in progress. In my opinion, a very neat job was completed with minimal disruption to golfing activities. Let us hope that this work will alleviate many drainage problems and the course will become more playable during adverse conditions. Now I am nearing the end of my year of office, I feel that I must offer heartiest congratulations to our junior section for their outstanding year. For those of you who do not know, they have just won the East Devon League for the first time in the club's history. Also, Ben Hearn and Daniel Perry recently won the Devon County Foursomes Handicap over 36 holes. This I feel bodes well for the club's future and those involved, Mark Sangster ably assisted by Mike Hawkins and Harry Callahan (Junior Captain), should be heartily congratulated by everyone. There will be a prize-giving evening on October 16th after the Old Tiverton Cup and before the Tom Molloy Poker Tournament. Please attend and support the winners of recent competitions.

Colin Carey, Captain

Chairman

What a splendid year our junior section has had. We perhaps have the strongest junior section in the county and this is in no small way thanks to the work Mark Sangster has done. Congratulations to him and all the juniors and many thanks. Sue (Norris) and Annette (Cardwell) have also done well, winning a place in the final of the Daily Mail Foursomes to be played at St Pierre. Congratulations, and the very best of luck in the finals.

My congratulations must also go to club gardener, Kingsley De St Croix, whose magnificent efforts to make the club house surroundings attractive and colourful for the enjoyment of members and visitors alike have been rewarded. The wonderful display of flowers won us first prize in our category in this year's Tiverton in Bloom competition.

In my last report I complained about back problems. Fortunately these are much improved and I am now playing again. In fact, the first competitive event I played was the Devon Golf Captains at TGC early in September. I did say 'beware the injured golfer', so guess who won the competition!

The drainage works are now complete and we wait to see the effect, which I am sure will be dramatic. Here's to much better winter golf, which is fast approaching!

Roger Tucker, Chairman

Juniors

Junior Captain Harry Callahan led his team to victory in the finals day at Teign Valley for the East Devon League. Tiverton beat Crediton 4½ - 1½ in the semi-final and then overcame Fingle Glen, who had beaten Honiton 6-0, in the final 3½ - 2½. The team was Rhys Cruse (3), Abbie Moyes (4), Harry Callahan (6), Ben Hearn (7), Harry Konig (9) and Daniel Perry (10). It's clearly the strongest group of youngsters the club has ever produced with another six or seven juniors on the sidelines with handicaps in the low teens. The future really is very rosey for Tiverton with such a fine bunch of boys and girls. Their behaviour both on and off the course is always exemplary and we should all be very proud of them. They are a real credit to Tiverton Golf Club. This all comes at the end of a very busy season in which we have won the Junior M.E.T shield at Enmore, picked up many prizes in Juniors Opens, with Rhys Cruse winning our own Junior Open for the second year running with a level par 71, superb results in the county foursomes weekend at Tiverton and not to mention our own competition results.

The section goes from strength to strength. We have had juniors joining us from other clubs (Woodbury & East Devon) and are about to have a young girl from Weymouth joining us as she played in our Junior Open, had a hole in one on the 4th and has fallen in love with the club, the atmosphere and in general how she was made to feel really welcome by everyone. The Junior section would like to thank the general committee for all their encouragement and support throughout the year. We would like to think that it may continue as we look at local newspaper reports with pride and admiration for what our juniors are doing.

Mark Sangster

Ladies

September was a busy month which saw the President's I team lose to Ilfracombe in the semi-finals but not without a fight. Two games went down the 19th and the

match could easily have gone either way. After such disappointment, Sue Norris and Annette Cardwell raised our spirits again when they won their 7th round match in the Daily Mail Foursomes against Yeovil. They now go to St Pierre to play in the last 16 followed by the semi-finals and finals. What a great result for them and Tiverton Golf Club, so best wishes and good luck. Tony Allsopp has kindly offered to drive the minibus to St Pierre on Tuesday 19th October. Please add your name to the list on the notice board if you wish to be included. The Men v Ladies match was great fun with most matches going to the 18th. The ladies finally won the day but I am sure Tony and his team will be out for revenge next year. The team dinner this year will be on November 4th. If you have been a player or caddie in any of the inter-club competitions please sign up for what I am sure will be a very enjoyable evening.

Sue Probetts, Ladies' Captain

Veterans

Some good news this month and some not so good. Six matches have been played since the last newsletter and Tiverton vets won four of them, halved one and lost the other, rather badly, gaining only half a point when playing away to Sidmouth. The Pairs Open day on September 3rd was a great success. Thanks are due to David Jack and his many helpers, all of whom made a huge contribution to this success. The weather also helped a lot! The question of helpers' refreshments will be on the agenda for the next vets' committee meeting and also discussed at the AGM. If you have a point of view then make it known at the AGM.

The not so good news: The matter of practise rounds for Emerton Court teams was raised at the club general committee meeting. The committee was asked to rescind the decision, made earlier this year, that Tiverton would charge green fees to visiting Emerton Court team members for the pre-match practice rounds; these at the time had the status of courtesy rounds. Unfortunately, the decision went against the proposal there being only four votes in favour. The vets' captain's away day is on October 7th and will take the form of combined team and individual competitions.

Details are on the board adjacent to the men's changing room outside access door.

Gerry Franklin, Veterans' captain