



Tiverton Golf Club Newsletter

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Captain

Well what a fantastic drive in. The sun shone, my ball flew straight down the middle and everyone got on famously, regardless of age or gender. Or was it pouring down with rain and freezing cold as I hit a snap hook while everyone moaned about the course, what they wanted or what was wrong with all the other sections?

We can't do anything about the weather; we can't always do anything about our golf but I hope you agree that we can all do something about our fantastic golf club. Let's have a year where we talk about what's good at Tiverton. Let's make decisions about what helps our club and not fight for what we, or 'our section' want, regardless of how it affects others. We all play this game for pleasure, so let's all have fun in 2011. You never know, the right attitude may even improve our game!

I'd like to wish Sue Norris, David Mallock and Joe Taylor good wishes for their year as captain - I'm sure they'll do a fantastic job. We all agreed that we wanted to be united regarding our charity and we all thought about a Cancer charity. As a result we have decided to support Force this year and hope that you'll support us whenever possible.

I'd like to thank Colin Carey, Sue Probetts, Gerry Franklin and Harry Callahan for all they did last year and also those who give up a lot of their time to serve on Committee, continually trying to make your club even better. Finally, can I wish you all a very Happy and successful New Year.

Tony Allsopp, Captain

Ladies

"Golf – in this weather?" is a question frequently asked of me by my family! Well, at last the weather has done its worst and we are confined to barracks! Although I am very much looking forward to being Captain of the Ladies' Section, I was not looking forward to the New Year Drive-in – but had been resigned to the fact that it would happen ... but will it? The AGM and presentation of trophies went off well on a bitterly cold day. The Rules talk given by Maureen Postles on December 6th was well-attended and very informative. Thank you Maureen. It was again a very cold day and only a few hardy souls ventured out for the roll-up. We are organising another roll-up for lady members on Monday January 17th. All members are welcome – with or without

handicap. The Christmas Competition was a great success and it was really good to see so many ladies stay for mince pies and mulled wine. The latter was kindly supplied by Lesley Crossley to celebrate a special birthday! It was very welcome on yet another cold day.

Sue Probetts was a wonderful Captain in 2010 and always kept calm, even when the weather did its best to confound us! I of course refer to the thunder and lightning we experienced during Sue's Captain's Day and the Autumn Meeting! I do hope that Sue and Allan will enjoy their holidays this year now they are "free" from duties!

It is a great honour to be Lady Captain of such a prestigious Golf Club as Tiverton, and I hope that I will be able to keep up the high standards already set by previous Captains.

A Happy New Year to everyone and I hope we will all enjoy our golf in 2011.

Sue Norris, Ladies' Captain

Veterans

Many of you will know that I spent last summer loafing in bed and thus missed the best golfing weather for several years. However, thank you all for the many good wishes I received and I am glad to say that they really worked!

I was honoured when David Jack offered to stand back for a year and when the Veterans elected me to be their Captain for 2011. David and I, with John Woods and the Vets' Committee, will be working hard to ensure that our regular competitions, our two Opens and our inter-Club matches will continue to be successful events.

If you are new to the Club, the "Vets" is an active section that is very much a part of the Club. All the Vets' competitions, matches and dinners are open to any male member of TGC in good standing, with a handicap, and who is 60 years old (or more). There are also numerous Vets Opens at clubs all around the county – entry for these can be made through Norman Fleet. The Devon Men's Veteran Golfers' Association [DMVGA] holds meetings at various clubs throughout the summer – membership for this is available through Peter Stuckey.

The Emerton Court inter-club KO competition starts in the spring. All TGC male golfers are eligible for selection for the team, provided they are at least 60, have an active handicap, are a member of the DMVGA, and have played in at least three Vets' competitions during the 12

months before the first match. Please put your name forward if you wish to be considered. There will be various trials in the early spring.

Finally, our thanks to Gerry Franklin for all the hard work he put into his Vets Captaincy in 2010, and our best wishes for a successful golfing year in 2011.

David Mallock, Veterans' Captain

Timely reminder

For your enjoyment and the enjoyment of your fellow members, these Pace of Play guidelines, which come from the DCGU website, are well worth remembering:

1. A group or match is "Out of Position" if it fails to:

(a) Reach the tee of a par 3 hole before the group ahead clears the next tee. A 'drivable' par 4 will be treated as a par 3 hole.

(b) Clear the tee of a par 4 hole before the group ahead clears the green.

(c) Reach the tee of a par 5 hole before the group ahead reaches the green.

2. A group or match is "Behind Time" if it fails to keep within any timing schedule specified by the Committee for the round being played.

3. A group or match which is either Out of Position or Behind Time may be warned and/or put 'on the clock'. The leading group or match may also be put 'on the clock' if they hold up following players. Players will be told when they are 'on the clock'. Each player will be timed individually.

4. The maximum time allowed per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play: (a) On a par 3 hole; (b) His second shot on a par 4 or par 5; (c) From on or near the putting green on any hole.

5. Time starts when a player has reached his ball, has had a few seconds to select his club, and is able to play without interference. On the putting green he is allowed a few seconds to repair ball marks and clear loose impediments.

6. In Foursomes, the player whose turn it is to play next should approach his side's ball without delay and play it as soon as he can do so without interference.

7. A player 'on the clock' will be warned after his first bad time. Any subsequent bad times by that player will be deemed Slow Play and incur a PENALTY as follows: (a) Match play – Loss of hole; (b) Stroke Play: 1st Offence – One Stroke; (c) Stroke Play: 2nd Offence – Two Strokes; (d) Stroke Play: Subsequent Offence – Disqualification.