



Tiverton Golf Club Newsletter

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Captain

Well, the winter has officially come to an end (as far as I'm concerned anyway). The two winter knockouts have been completed: congratulations to Colin Baker and Bob Pincombe (runners-up last year) for winning the Winter Foursomes and to Sue and Steve Buchanan for their victory in the Winter Goblets.

Thanks to all those who participated in my new Season Starter competition. It began on the Friday with a meal (thanks to Andy and Val, as always) followed by the draw for partners. There was a nice mixture of players and a lovely atmosphere (partly due to the amount of alcohol consumed). Thanks to Colin Taylor and Kevin Kirk for working so hard that night and we managed to raise over £120 for charity as well. Everyone seemed to enjoy the American Foursomes format on Saturday and whilst the Club and members were the real winners, I suppose I ought to mention that Andy Brice and Martin Taggart won by five shots with a net 56. (Did they really follow the same format as the rest of us?)!

On Saturday 26th March we lost 3-0 in the first round of the Parker Trophy (a scratch foursomes event) against a strong Exeter team at East Devon. Better news, however, in the third round of the *Mail on Sunday* Classic - Martin Selby led a young side to a 5-0 victory at home to Burnham and Berrow.

Club matches have started with a narrow defeat at East Devon. Please keep an eye on the notice board and add your name if you are available for matches in April and May. Don't forget also to enter the Summer Knockout competitions and pay when you put your name down, (several people were disappointed last year, including myself, when we found we had been eliminated).

The clocks have now changed and lighter evenings arrived. Hooray! Enjoy your golf and have a good season.

Tony Allsopp, Captain

Ladies

Congratulations to Kathryn Hall for winning the Winter League and to Chris Williams who came second. Coaching is now underway with group lessons being given by Lewis and Mike. There are still places available so please go to the Pro's Shop and make your bookings. The Team Practice took place on a lovely sunny day – hopefully this is a good omen for the matches to come. The first friendly takes place on 1st April at East Devon and the

first inter-club match is at Stover on 15th April. On the same day Jess Bradley and Maureen Postles will be playing in the Medal Finals at Dainton Park. Maureen will be playing with her partner Shirley Ward in the first round of the Doris Willes-Little at RND against Ilfracombe. Good luck to everyone and let's hope for a successful year. Our annual Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 5th April where you will be able to buy tasty cakes and savouries, also plants for the garden. The proceeds from this event will go towards funding our county teams so all support will be greatly appreciated. It is also a good social occasion to meet up with friends. The Spring Meeting is on 20th April so please come along to the meal even if you are unable to play. The sign-up sheet is on the Ladies' notice board.

Sue Norris, Ladies' Captain

Greens

Following the Annual General Meeting, your Greens Committee has two new members, Gerry Franklin and Ian Brierley. Jo Lloyd-Davies has sadly finished her term on the General Committee. I would like to express my grateful thanks to Jo for her reasoned approach and the hard work she put into this committee. She will be greatly missed. However, both Gerry and Ian will bring a wealth of golfing experience as well as a desire to consolidate the work of previous committees. Graham Dyson and Martin Selby, along with Club Captain, Tony Allsopp, and Ladies Captain, Sue Norris, make up the Greens Committee. The winter work has gone well and the benefits of the drainage on 11, 17 and 18 are plain to see. The autumn verti-draining has also had a big effect on the fairways. Areas to the right of 17th green and left of the 7th and 8th greens have been tidied and turfed. The spring work will include verti-draining all the greens, which will take place in the week preceding the Hutchinson Salver. They will be top dressed the same day and given decent weather, should not cause too much disruption. This work has to be done now to help the general drainage and root aeration of the greens. I trust that everyone has a happy year's golf.

Martin Selby, Greens Committee

Veterans

March has flown by and the weather has been dry and warm. Our Ladies' Night

was held on St David's Day (1st March) and was a very enjoyable evening. We tried two-tier menu pricing, which was a success. Our Emerton Court squad preparations continued with Home and Away matches against Isle of Wedmore. These were good games as usual, and, although our Away Team lost their leg, our Home Team restored the balance to give us an aggregate win of 8:4. We also had a very enjoyable day at Oake Manor on the 24th, where 24 out of the initial squad of 33 played in brilliant weather. The squad will now be cut to a more manageable 20. The Winter League finished as expected with Ian Wilson and David Hazlewood winning with 14 points. The fifth Duckworth Salver was played on the 22nd, also in fine weather. This game incorporated the initial Eddie Baker Trophy and was won by Ken Kirk with a very fine 41 points. The Duckworth Salver itself, which is decided by the aggregate points of each competitor's best three out of the five competitions, was won by David Hazlewood with a splendid total of 119 points. The day finished with an enjoyable meal and presentations for all those competitions and for the Vets' 2010 Putter which was won by Trevor Milner.

Our friendly matches started with Taunton and Pickeridge and then Honiton at the end of last month, but really get under way in April – a month which is severely squeezed by the late Easter weekend and a certain wedding the following Friday!

We will be losing Norman Fleet who is going to a flatter course (not the big one in the sky, but Honiton!). Norman has co-ordinated our entries for other club's Vets' Opens for many years and we thank him for his hard work and wish him all the best at his new club.

David Mallock, Veterans' Captain

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are due on 31st March of each year and must be paid by 16th April using an approved method. They may be paid annually or by 10 monthly instalments, beginning 1st May. We have set up a new direct Debit Scheme in conjunction with Lloyds TSB and there will be a service charge rate of approximately 6.5% added to your subscription. If you haven't already done so make sure you cancel your arrangement with Fairway Credit, pick up a new Direct Debit mandate from the office and return it to us completed as soon as possible. At the same time you must collect a bag tag sticker for the new season.

Richard Jessop, General Manager



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