



Tiverton Golf Club Newsletter

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Chairman

I have to start with some sad news. Ed Tansey has decided to stand down as Treasurer with immediate effect. On behalf of all the members I thank Ed for the excellent work he has done over the past four years and wish him many years of happy golf at TGC. Paul Steele, a former Treasurer and ex-Chairman, has agreed to take over the role as Acting Treasurer until the next AGM.

We recently welcomed several new members and the General Committee is more than hopeful that with your continuing support we will achieve our budgeted surplus for the year. Tenders have now been received for the upgrading and extension to the car park and negotiations are underway with a hoped for start date in October. Further details once everything has been agreed.

What a month this last one has been on the golfing front, particularly for our younger members. Jess Bradley lost in the final of the English Mid Amateur at Collingtree Park. Ben Hearn shot a gross 70 off a five handicap and Matt Woodgate won both the scratch and the handicap cups in the Club Championship. Our Junior team has won the right to represent Devon at Woodhall Spa. Very well done to everyone and to those who have helped and supported them.

The older members have done pretty well too! Our Captain led Alby Cruse and James Lambden to victory in the Devon County Golf Union's Centenary Cup at Exeter. This was a special event to celebrate 100 years of DCGU and as such the trophy will remain with the Club. James also led the team to the last 16 in the Daily Mail. And what of the Palaret! I was at Woodbury Park to see an exciting match which saw TGC going through to the finals on August 14th for the first time since 2002.

Please support our team on the day.

Roger Tucker, Chairman

Captain

Well what a victorious month! Our Mail on Sunday squad won away at Holsworthy and followed this with a home win against Launceston. This means we are only one round away from the regional finals and are the last Devon side left in the competition.

Our Palaret squad beat Crediton at Honiton before facing Dainton Park (who fielded 10 category one players in their side) at Woodbury. There was some fantastic golf played and a few worrying moments before we eventually came through 3 1/2 to 1 1/2 winners. Well done to all. Thanks very much to the caddies for the part they played and to all the supporters who came to cheer us on, I'm sure it gave us the edge. We now go on to Finals Day on Sunday August 14th at Stover.

Even your Captain got in on the winning streak playing with Alby Cruse and James Lambden. Forty-five out of 49 teams in Devon entered a side at Exeter in the DCGU Centenary Trophy, part of the Centenary celebrations. We managed to win on count back and were presented by the President, a marvellous

Dartington glass trophy which the club keeps forever. Let's hope we can keep the momentum going.

Tony Allsopp, Captain

Juniors

At the Junior Open at Crediton, Tiverton were represented by 27 players of all ages and handicaps. Harry Konig won the best gross prize with a 75. At the recent Honiton event Tiverton supplied almost 50% of the field! Our Junior Open is to be held on Sunday August 7th. We will be running a BBQ and fun events throughout the day. If anyone can spare some time to help starting or ball spotting, please let Mark Sangster know. On the week leading up to the Junior Open we will be running a huge prize draw. Prizes include a signed Zach Johnson Bag, a quality rescue club, a putter, rounds of golf and other prizes. Tickets will be on sale that week at the bar. Ben Hearn and Harry Konig will attend the Westwood Academy in early August at Farrington GC. This is an initiative run by Lee Westwood to foster young golfing talent. It is an opportunity for Ben and Harry to further develop their talents.

Following Tiverton's win in the Devon Junior Spring meeting, we have qualified to represent Devon at the National Final at Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire. This is a three-day event with a practice round and two competitive rounds. Ben, Harry Konig and Nixie Ackfield have been selected to represent the club and we wish them the best of luck. Juniors will be instructed by Mark to fill divots on a Monday evening during their roll-up. Mark will liaise with the greens staff to identify holes for action.

Andy Pryce, Junior Chairman

Ladies

My Captain's Day has come and gone in a flash! Many thanks to all those who helped to make July 13th such a successful day. The weather was very kind, and the scores reflected this with many handicap cuts. Congratulations to Christine Norton for winning with 42 points, and to the other nine winners who all played under their handicaps. A total of 74 ladies played with 73 staying for an excellent dinner. I was overwhelmed by all the cards, gifts and good wishes – a day I will always remember. Jess Bradley has gone from strength to strength and was runner-up in the English Women's Mid-Amateur championships in Northampton. We will all miss her when she goes to Florida and wish her every success in her golf and studies at Lynn University.

Congratulations to Oki Northwood who came second in the EWGA Grand Medal Finals at Droitwich. We do not know whether any of our teams will get through to the semi-finals as there are still a few matches left to play. For the first time there will be a Finals Day for the County teams which will be held at Tiverton – unless we manage to get a team through! In the Vets 4-Ball Knockout, Sue Persey and Jo Lloyd-Davies beat Dartmouth at Woodbury.

I am now finalising my list for my Captain's Away Day at Enmore on Monday September 5th. I would be grateful if you could all pay by August 17th. There is a list on the board of all those who have signed up and I will be doing the draw very soon.

Invitation Day is not so far away now, September 28th. I hope you have invited a friend to play and if not, there is still time. There will be a meeting after the 36-hole Championship on August 3rd to appoint a representative for the DCLGA Delegates' Meeting later in the year. The annual Ladies v Vets match took place on Friday 22nd, most enjoyable with the ladies winning for the first time since 2001. Good news – Thea Bayly is recovering well from her latest operation and should be home soon.

Sue Norris, Ladies' Captain

Veterans

Summer rolls on, although it is hard to believe sometimes! We have not, in fact, lost any matches or competitions to the weather, although some conditions have called for the spirit in which the Empire was built ... The Veterans' 4 Club competition was played at the end of June with a CSS of 69. The winner was Ian Wilson with 40 points, followed by John Hooper 38 and Bill Northwood 36 – ever wonder why we drag so many clubs around? The Veterans' Cup, a club competition for men over 55, was played on July 4th. It was good to see some new faces, including the Club Captain, Tony Allsopp, who scored a respectable 36 points. The winner was next year's Club Vice-Captain Martin Selby with 42 then our own Vice-Captain David Jack who beat Ian Bray on countback with 41 points. CSS was 70. The Ambrose Congdon Cup was played on the 12th. CSS was 71. The winner was David Neilson with a net 67, followed by Mike Hurley with a net 68 and Mike Barlow 71.

Our annual match with the Ladies' Section is always a keenly contested affair with the rules being subtly renegotiated each year to try to balance the odds. The winners this year were the ladies who scraped home 6/4. We all enjoyed a suitably social meal afterwards.

August starts with the second of the Club competitions – this time the Venerable Vets, a competition for the over-65s.

Places are still available for the Veterans' Pairs Open competition on Friday September 2nd. Helpers are still needed to make this event successful.

RIP. On Friday July 8th we said goodbye to Richard Grainger a popular member of the Club since 1988 and a staunch supporter of the Veterans' Section.

David Mallock, Veterans' Captain

Don't forget ...

Use the *game finder* section of our website to arrange your friendly games. And out on the course, please remember after your bunker shot, replace the rake in the specially provided black holders – don't leave rakes in the sand or elsewhere on the grass!