



Tiverton Golf Club Newsletter

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Captain

What a fantastic day was enjoyed by everyone who came to the drive-in, many thanks to all concerned. Once again Lady Lesley and Mike Jewell put on a fantastic prize table, much appreciated by all. The cross country course was enjoyable even though Charlotte and I found the going rough! Andy and Val and all staff must be applauded for providing the meals as quickly as they did, thanks to everyone for their support. The winter league has now reached the knock-out stage so good luck to all qualifiers. On the social side, Burns' Night was a very good evening and if you have never experienced the occasion before, you must try it next year. The Season Starter is March 17th and teams will be drawn at a dinner on Friday 16th.

Peter Garnsworthy, Captain

Chairman

At last the car park nears completion, just the white lining and a few minor works to finish off. Several members have asked why we did not do the whole of the car park. I wish we had too. Every voting member had the chance to express such an opinion but sadly only 35 attended the EGM. However, it can always be done at some future date, inevitably at an additional cost. The middle of February sees the AGM and I have to advise you that I shall be standing down as Chairman and not seeking re-election. I think it is time to stand aside for a younger man! Seriously, I have now had three spells as Chairman, totalling 12 years and I think that is long enough. I will speak more about this at the AGM, but I would like to thank all of you for the support I have received, from the General Committees, members and particularly Richard

Jessop and Jean (who has been 'Robin' to Richard's Batman!).

I wish all members a great year's golf in 2012 and know that I leave you in the very safe hands of our Club Captain, Peter Garnsworthy, and the other section captains.

Roger Tucker, Chairman

Ladies

I would like to say thank you for all the cards, presents and good wishes you gave me at the New Year's Day drive-in. I could not believe how many of you turned out on what was not a very nice day. Well, although it was not the best of weather, we were very lucky to keep dry for the putting out and driving-in. I had such a good day, starting with playing the cross-country with Peter, I think we may have been the first pair of Captains not to come in the prizes, then out-driving the Club Captain by one yard! The speeches followed and we enjoyed a great meal. I am not sure anything could have been better. There was such a great atmosphere around the clubhouse.

I would like to personally thank Lesley and Mike for organizing the prizes again this year -- they do such a wonderful job.

Jess Bradley came along on New Year's Day but has gone back to Florida to continue her scholarship in sports management. She is having a great time playing golf in the sunshine! She will be playing at Kiawah Island in February, where the 1991 Ryder Cup was held.

She will be back in May to play in our Ladies' Still Cup team which is good news for our section.

And there's more good news for the ladies ... we have had a bye through to the first round of the *Mail on Sunday* competition.

Charlotte Snow, Ladies' Captain

Veterans

As we move into February and hopefully some drier weather, I hope that we have taken advantage of the weather-induced breaks from playing to prepare our equipment for the coming season. Socks darned, clubs re-gripped or even replaced as necessary, new cleats on shoes and a few visits to Mike Hawton and the driving range to tune-up swings and get rid of the strange additions to your swing plane that someone gave you as a Christmas present. Rather like the mother-in-law's tie or socks I think! David Mallock has posted on the Vets' board a sign-up sheet for the coming Emerton Court campaign which seems to be attracting good interest. Please don't forget that you must be a paid up member of DMVGA by February 28th to qualify.

A visit to the DMVGA website is very worthwhile as Bob Keating has written a fine explanation of the DMVGA history including the story of Emerton Court and there are other items of interest to while away a wet winter's day.

It was nice to see lower handicaps doing well in our third Duckworth competition, Mike Hurley winning with 39 points. Well done Mike.

We returned to Saunton for another of their jamboree competitions last month in very testing conditions, albeit dry, but did not manage to repeat last year's success unfortunately.

We did have two pairs that beat the 40 point mark that has to be the minimum target. We all enjoyed the day. It is always a challenge but a pleasure to tackle Saunton. Thank you to those that played.

Don't forget the club AGM on Thursday 16th at 1930 and the fourth Duckworth with a meal on Tuesday 21st, I hope I can make this one.

David Jack, Veteran's Captain



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