



Tiverton Golf Club Newsletter

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Captain

After another month of fantastic individual performances, the Tiverton name continues to ring out loud. Harry Konig, having qualified to play in the Devon Juniors 'Keith Abraham Cup' made the most of it despite three-putting the first three greens and five-putting the last. He shot a gross 72 around the West Course at Saunton (including a hole in one) to win the trophy. Keith Abraham personally visited Tiverton to hand over a pen engraved with the Concorde plane logo in recognition of his hole in one. Ben Hearn was invited to join the England training weekend, so hopefully it won't be long before we can look forward to him receiving full National honours. Rhys Cruse had the month of his life with some exceptional golf. He won the Blundell's Trophy with a record score of 209. He then went on to win the prestigious Goodman Trophy at St Enodoc with incredible scores of 77 and 72 in extremely tough conditions, his handicap being reduced to 1.2 in the process, the lowest in the Club. Next was the final of the Tommy Tucker Scratch Cup against strong opposition in the shape of James Bray. Rhys produced some fantastic golf to be out in five under par setting up the win.

The order of merit was a closely fought battle this year with several of our lowest handicappers featuring. Kim Garnsworthy produced a fine nett 67 in the Chairman's Cup to win, squeezing Martin Selby into second spot. Congratulations also to our MET Shield teams who combined to retain the trophy and we won the Picture Match away at Okehampton, something I understand has only been achieved three times before.

Finally, my thanks to James Lambden who completed the Powderham Castle 10k race to raise over £150 for FORCE, my Captain's charity. If you haven't already paid him please do so and if you were thinking of sponsoring him but didn't get round to it, I'm sure James will still accept your money!

Well done to one and all. Happy golfing.

Tony Allsopp, Captain

Ladies

Our ladies are still doing their best to keep Tiverton Golf Club in the news! Anto Hajduk and Marian Stevens won the Devon County Vets' Autumn Foursomes and Trish Bending and Gina Churchill came seventh. Annette Cardwell won the Devon County Venerable Vets meeting at Honiton and Lesley Crossley was third. Many congratulations to all.

At home, the final of the Joyce Wethered was won by Maureen Postles who beat Jo Lloyd-Davies. Ivy Radford and Jill Ford were victorious in the Spring Foursomes - Jo Lloyd-Davies and Carolyn Maynard came second!

The morning of the Autumn Meeting started damp, but the game was played in the dry although conditions were much heavier than normal. Abbie Moyes won the Scratch Challenge Bowl. The Bronze Scratch Cup was won by Trish Bending, who also won the Kyle Bowl. The Rita Eastick Trophy was won by Liz Hall. The first-ever combined Finals Day for all three of the County Inter-Club Matchplay teams was held at Tiverton. The weather was kind, the course looked wonderful and I received only praise for our organisation and assistance. Richard, Jean, Andy and Team, and Steve and Team – thank you. Our Team Dinner, for all those who played in the county inter-club matches together with their caddies is all set for Thursday October 27th.

The ladies have been picking up broken tee-pegs throughout the year. These have now been counted and you can have as many goes as you like to "Guess-the-Number" at 50p per bet. There will be a bottle of wine for the winner. Liz Hall had this brilliant idea to keep our course tidy and I would like to thank her. She recently broke her leg so I wish her a speedy recovery. Tickets are on sale for the Fashion Show (Thursday November 10) from the office or Charlotte Snow.

Sue Norris, Ladies' Captain

Competitions

Firstly, can I thank everyone who has played in the various competitions over the summer months which have proved a great success. Sadly, I must now write about the forthcoming winter fixtures. In regards to the men's team competitions it has been decided to make these open to all players with a CONGU handicap (including inactive) up to a maximum of 28. This is in an effort to support the club over the winter months and encourage play.

There will however be a maximum shot allowance of 18 (one shot per hole) although all participants will be eligible to win prizes. The exceptions to this are the Winter League foursomes qualifiers and the subsequent knockout event where ALL players must have an active handicap. Any questions please see me or a member of the Competitions committee.

Finally, can I encourage all players to be mindful of slow play.

There have been a couple of instances recently and thus the old adage 'keep up with the group in front and not just ahead of those behind' should be adopted. If your game is in difficulty then etiquette dictates you allow the group behind through.

Neil Carthew, Competitions

Chairman

Veterans

Please note that if you have not played in a minimum of three qualifying competitions during 2011, your handicap will be Inactive in 2012 until you requalify. There is still time to qualify this year for 2012 as Vets' Medals and Stablefords will be Qualifiers until the weather turns against us. Trevor Milner won the Vets' Stableford on September 6th with a good total of 40 points and he will now play off a lower handicap! Colin Anderson was second and John Hooper third with 39 and 38 points respectively. Mike Eastmond won the second Stableford on the 20th with 40 points on countback from David Wright, while Ray Rice was third with 39.

Mike Hurley won the Vets' Captain's Prize, beating John Lyon 2&1 in a hard-fought final. The final Challenge Cup competition was played on September 26th and was won by Mike Eastmond with a commendable net 67 off nine with Ed Tansey (8) 70 and third David Hazlewood (20) 70. There was a field of 44 which raised £22 for the Juniors. The Challenge Cup went to David Neilson with 138 aggregate and Mike Eastmond was runner-up on 141.

The meal and presentations planned after the Challenge Cup, had to be cancelled because only 13 Vets signed up for dinner. Presentations for the Ambrose Congdon, Summer KO, Captain's Prize, Challenge Cup and the Stan Sage will now be made after the meal following the Stan Sage on October 25th. It is hoped there will be a good turnout for this.

The Vets' Best Ball Competition on October 11th has been changed to a Stableford in order to encourage more entries and increase the number of Qualifying Competitions available in the remaining months of the year.

The Vets' Captain's Away Day will be on Thursday October 13th at Oake Manor Golf Club and there are still some places available.

Looking forward into November, the Vets' AGM will be held on the 25th after the meal following the second Duckworth Salver.

David Mallock, Veterans' Captain

Car Park

An EGM - Monday October 17th 18.00 hours. Proposal for the work to be done upgrading the car park.

Group Bookings – Policy Review

No bookings will be taken on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday before 12 noon for groups of more than eight. There will be no bookings on midweek stableford days. There are still some existing bookings which we have to honour but new requests will follow these guidelines. Our main group booking day will continue to be on a Thursday.