



Tiverton Golf Club Newsletter

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Captain

How you view August depends on how your glass is. If it's half empty, it was a miserable month, losing in the Palairet and being knocked out of the Mail on Sunday Classic.

If on the other hand, your glass is half full, August was a fantastic month with Tiverton's name ringing out not only around Devon but the country as well. We thumped Portmore 5-0 in the semi final of the Palairet, which meant we were through to the final for the first time in 40 years. The result of 4 ½ to ½ was very flattering to Fingle Glen as three matches went to the eighteenth but they seemed to get the breaks and hole some putts at vital times but we certainly weren't outclassed or out of our depth. We reached the last sixteen of the national Mail on Sunday Classic, a fantastic achievement. Unfortunately, we were drawn away to Haverford West (a 3- hour drive away) and lost 3-2, home advantage and some dubious handicaps going against us. Tiverton got further recognition nationally when 3 of our juniors represented us and Devon in the English Junior Champion Club 2011 at Woodhall Spa. They finished a brilliant third in an incredibly strong field.

My thanks to all players, caddies, spectators and coaches involved in providing us with a month to be proud of, congratulations to you all. Furthermore, I do not believe this will be a one off as these squads will become stronger in the coming years and it won't be long before Tiverton are winning major honours. So, how is your glass? Cheers anyway.

Tony Allsopp, Captain

Ladies

At the end of July the Ladies vs Mens match took place. The result was a draw which means the Men RETAIN the Wooden Spoon Trophy. Stacey Ford and Alison Hilton won the Express & Echo foursomes with

41 points, they qualified to play in the finals at Honiton on 3rd October.

Lesley Crossley and Stacey Ford came second in the North & East Foursomes held at Holsworthy. At the same event our nominated team of Lesley & Stacey, Carolyn Maynard & Jo Lloyd-Davies, Sue Persey & Alison Hilton had the best aggregate score and won the Western Morning News Cup. Congratulations to our Team!!

The Championships were played in wonderful conditions. With neither of our "stars" entering this year the competition was wide open! Jo Lloyd-Davies grabbed the opportunity with both hands and won in style with – 4 shots clear of Alex Dudley. Janet Cruse won the nett (on countback from Jo Lloyd-Davies and Connie Hughes) – she was 8 shots under handicap in the second round!

The Mixed Open was a success with our course receiving many compliments. More "helpers" would have been useful on the day. Our last Open is on Wednesday 7th September – please put your name on list if you can spare some time to help starting and ball spotting.

Unfortunately Jo Lloyd-Davies and Carolyn Maynard have been knocked out of the Vets 4BBB by East Devon at Exeter.

The Invitation Day list is on the board – please ask a friend to join you to play in this fun competition.

Provisional date for our Team Dinner is Thursday 27th October.

Thursday 10th November we are holding a Fashion Show in conjunction with Jo Amor of Tiverton. Tickets will soon be on sale – please come and bring a group of friends.

The combined Finals Day (Sheelah Creasy Bowl, President's Trophy and Still Cup) is to be held at Tiverton on Friday 23rd September. There should be some good golf to watch.

Sue Norris, Ladies' Captain

Veterans

The Veterans Pairs Open takes place on Friday 2nd September -Help still needed to make this another success.

August has gone by with the usual variable weather – we all know that early autumn is better than mid-summer in the West Country, so let's see if we get a good September..... Mike Angus won the Venerable Vets, a club competition played on 1 August, with an excellent 43 points. Keith Morgan pipped James Henderson into second place on countback with 40 points.

John Woods, our long-serving Vets Secretary, turned in a magnificent 43 points to win the Vets August Stableford comfortably from Roger Stevens who scored a very good 41 points. Mike Hurley pipped a pack of 40 pointers to reach third place on countback.

David Jack led Mike Hurley and Roger Norton to a commendable fourth place in the DMVGA Millennium Trophy at Holsworthy on the 24th.

September will be a busy month with the Pairs Open on the 2nd, and the Vets Captain's Prize, Summer KO and Amory Putter all reaching their final stages. The Vets September Stableford is scheduled for the 6th, our qualifiers for the Club Millennium Trophy will play on Sunday the 25th, and our own Challenge Cup is on the 27th.

Our inter-club matches continue to be popular and enjoyable events. The aggregate scores are slightly tilted in favour of our opponents, but there is still time to redress the balance!

David Mallock, Veterans' Captain

Social Committee

Forthcoming Events

Sept 15th Social Texas Scramble
Sept 30th Bingo 7pm for 7.30 pm
Oct 15th Casino Eve & Meal £25 – places limited to 70 so book early.

The Social Committee look forward to seeing you at these events.