



TIVERTON GOLF CLUB

Committee Discussions

Competitions.

At the last committee meeting it was decided that the rule governing the number of times members can play together in competitions be changed as it was historically for two-ball play.

The new policy is that any three members can only play together twice.

This rule does not apply to any team events.

In 1999 it was agreed and will now continue as the correct format, that in the event of a tie in any competition the result would be decided on count back with the exception of the following competitions which would be decided on a play off over 4 holes (1,2,6 & 9). Namely the Granland Scratch Cup, The President's Cup and the Old Tiverton Cup. **Handicaps.** Would members please note that when inviting guests to

play in a competition at Tiverton we will only recognise an official club handicap certificate. An EGU certificate is not recognised.

Club Team News.

The Tiverton Team travelled to Orchardleigh Golf Club in Wiltshire to play the return leg of an inter club competition.

Taking a 16 hole lead with them Tiverton were able to beat Orchardleigh on home soil by 11 holes making it the largest winning margin since it's inception some 14 years ago.

GREENS.

A working party has been set up to review the clubs 5 year Course Policy document.

Items to be considered will include, major works to be carried out on the course, (their rele-

vance and timing) tee reconstruction and priority, and also the tree removal schedule. Other items are likely to include bunker rebuilding, sand type and depth, range of cutting heights for fairways, greens and rough, together with any implications for health and safety issues. With winter approaching the issue of mats has already been looked at. An experiment with frost protection covers for some mats will be tested and implemented if successful. Members will be asked to ensure they replace the covers after use.

RYDER CUP.

What a result! Who could have imagined that Europe could **thrash** the Yanks ever if we knew we had a strong team? A terrific team performance that will be talked about for a long long time.

Golf Courses To Visit (3)

This month we visit THE PLAYERS CLUB just North East of Bristol. This really is a monster and a real players course with the gold tees measuring some 7607 yds making it the longest course in England! Whilst the white tees are a more modest 6847 yds the most enjoyment will come from the yellows at a mere 6336 yds.

This course really does have everything. The signature 4th hole is 388yds off the white tees so not that long. The problem is you have to cross water

twice into a raised green that runs very smooth, true and fast! Equally impressive however is the 15th. A par 5 at 557 yds it is essential to hit a long straight drive. From here you are faced with a lake of over 150 yds so do you lay up or go for it? Even then the test isn't over because you still have a shot into a raised green with a backdrop of heather beds with slopes in all directions which just also happens to be surrounded by bunkers! To play this course anywhere near your handicap you will

need to think your way round but it isn't a slog in spite of it's length. Very well presented with tricky greens of all shapes and sizes, accuracy is paramount. This must rate as one of the best courses in the South West even though it is only 4 years old especially at current prices! The good news is that work will commence soon on another 18 holes!

The Director of Golf is no other than the **YONEX** long distance champion

Paul Barrington

