



TIVERTON GOLF CLUB

Information

A true **First** for Tiverton GC in winning **first** prize in the commercial section of the **Tiverton in Bloom** competition on its first attempt!

Catering News. A welcome to **Caroline**.

Caroline joined Andy and Val back in July of this year after five years in a franchise business with a leading supermarket. Living in Tiverton, with her partner Billy and son Daniel aged 10, Caroline is enjoying her new surroundings and will no doubt be able to bring her past experiences to the benefit of Tiverton GC. Please be sure to look out for Caroline when ordering your refreshments after your game.

Annual Dinner Dance.

This year's dinner dance will be held on the 19th November 2004. Due to the popularity of recent events tickets will go on sale at **9 am** on the **6th November** on a first come first served basis!

Committee Discussions

Competitions News

As most of you will be aware winter rules are now in play. Please remind yourselves of them. If your ball comes to rest in the GUR on the right of the 3rd fairway or on the path then the ball should be placed on the mat provided no nearer the hole. If because of the slope of the ground the ball will not stay on the mat, then the mat may be moved to a position further away from the hole where this can be achieved, without penalty.

Clarification.

A ball coming to rest on the path between the 4th tee and green may be lifted and dropped without penalty not nearer the hole.

The winter league draw has taken place. Any team not completing 3 matches before 31/12/04 **will be disqualified** and any points won/lost deleted. The top two from each league will qualify.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

The general committee have called an

Extraordinary General Meeting

to be held on Thursday 11th November to seek members approval to changes in the club rules to enable us to be registered as a community Amateur Sports Club.

This would give us charitable status for tax purposes and the immediate obvious benefit will be an 80% relief on the business rate. (We currently enjoy a 50% discretionary relief).

The changes to the rules are those that are required by the **Inland Revenue** and have been approved by the Trustees and the General Committee.

The **EGM** will be held in the clubhouse at 7.30 pm and I urge as many members as possible to attend this important meeting.

Golf Courses To Visit (4)

For something really different why not try a course built on the chalk downs near Swindon! The course is **The OGBOURNE DOWNS Golf Club** at Ogbourne St George. It drains really well but catches any wind that's blowing so pick your day with care. You probably won't be able to play of the whites, but the yellow tees at 6175 yds (par 71) is a very good test. For the Ladies it's 5613 (par 73). My favourite hole is probably the par 5 5th hole, stroke index 2, a 545 yds downhill test with

trees just 67 yds short of the green to negotiate. Mind you the par 3 17th at a mere 183 yds surrounded by half a dozen bunkers helps you concentrate. This course really is very fair but does make you think. With a great variety of different holes it can look easy with the 15th, a par 4 at only 283 yds it's up to you to make it as difficult as you want!

Most players will however enjoy the final hole at 558 yds (par 5). Not that long even on the flat but when you realise its very steep

downhill you could achieve your first 300 yds drive! But only if you get the line right or it's a visit to the trees! Other facilities include a good driving range and a very enthusiastic professional who carries a good range of clothes and other equipment in his shop. The bar and restaurant facilities are very good and at reasonable prices.

The course can be found on the left hand side of the road driving south from Swindon towards Marlborough. **Good Luck!**

