



TIVERTON GOLF CLUB

A Few words from your NEW Captains

The Club Captain

Firstly, I must say how honoured I am to be Captain of this great golf club for 2005. We are all very lucky to have such wonderful facilities available to us and I look forward to doing my best for the club in the months ahead.

A full programme of Club matches has again been arranged and I would encourage any member to put their name on the sheet for selection. You do not have to be a low handicap golfer to play. I only ask that if you play in the away match you then make yourself available for the home match. I intend to select teams 14 days before the match so please watch for the final team to be selected. These matches are always good fun and present a chance to play other courses and make new acquaintances. So

don't be shy and sign up.

I will announce my choice of charity on NEW YEARS DAY and I hope you will all find this to be worthy of our support. I am doing something slightly different and trust you will think the idea sound.

Finally, I wish you all a HAPPY and HEALTHY NEW YEAR and look forward to seeing you at the club.

Neil Carthew

And from

The Ladies Captain

I am immensely proud to be chosen as Ladies Captain for 2005 and am very much looking forward to the year ahead, which promises to be challenging and exciting. I have thoroughly enjoyed my Vice Captain's year in 2004, supporting the Lady Captain and running the President's Trophy Team. I have

been a member at Tiverton for 12 years and have a handicap of 17. I have served on the general committee and twice on the Ladies Committee, firstly as assistant handicap secretary and later as open meetings secretary. I live in Sampford Peverell with my husband Ian and son James. Ian and I have two daughters, Emma and Sarah, who are married to Bret Ansley and Tim Rolinson, both members here at Tiverton. The Ladies section has a very busy calendar for the year ahead, with an array of club competitions, friendlies and open meetings lined up. We have also entered four teams in DCLGA inter-club matchplay competitions and will be hoping for plenty of success in those. May I wish everyone a very happy NEW YEAR and good golfing in 2005

Rachel Bray

Golf Courses To Visit (6)

This month we stay in Cornwall but travel further west to the links course of **West Cornwall Golf Club** Near St Ives. The secretary (Ian Veale) is a county player with a scratch handicap so it's perhaps no surprise that the set up of the course is excellent. Out of interest he did once apply for the job of secretary/manager here at Tiverton but chose in the end to stay in his native Cornwall.

As always the wind can dramatically change the playability of any links

course and this is very true here. The course was played in a very strong wind which made club selection difficult but none the less a very enjoyable challenge playable by all handicaps. If you can pick a quiet day it must seem as if it's a different course! Some of the early holes can lull one into a false sense of security as the front 9 only measures some 2744 yds off the whites Par 33 (2548 Par 36 for the ladies). The first is played from the side of the club house (and in full view) so at 229 yds par 3

it's a real knee wobbler to start. By contrast the back 9 is 3150 par 36 (2835 (par 37) and contains both the par 5's. The longest hole is the 16th at 521 yds.

A very old but comfortable clubhouse awaits complete with snooker table and golfing memorabilia adorning the walls. A warm welcome is guaranteed so why not give it a try?

If you have any views on the news letter or it's content please let Richard Jessop know or e-mail Wrswitshire@aol.com