



TIVERTON GOLF CLUB

Committee Discussions.

Captains Report

Some members may not be aware that my chosen charity theme for 2005 is the purchase, for the new Tiverton Hospital, of a

BABYPOD.

Both the Ladies and Seniors Captains will join in to support the venture.

Transporting newborn infants calls for an environment that is warm, safe and secure. Until recently this necessitated the use of a heavy, cumbersome incubator. Now the Babypod, which is intended for infants up to 9 kilograms, is able to offer many of the features provided by standard transport incubators without the complexity of design. More importantly it can be mounted to any stretcher thus aiding transportation in the vehicle or aircraft.

To support my efforts our Secretary/Manager

Richard Jessop is to compete in the GREAT WEST RUN (formerly known as the Exeter half marathon) to be held on the 1st May 2005. Spies tell me he will be in the 45- 50! age group and will be looking for sponsorship

GREENS.

Considerable debate and investigation has taken place in order to progress the 5 year plan for the greens committee. In carrying out this review it soon became evident that we are indeed fortunate to have our current greens staff and our thanks go to them all for past works carried out and new ones to complete!

You will have noticed the tee renewal work progressing which this year involved work on the 11th, 16th and 18th which is still on schedule with the arrival of the root zone. The turf is

still some weeks away from delivery. Subject to weather conditions the next task is the reconstruction of the bunkers on the 5th and 6th holes and if time permits before the spring growing season attention to the 7th championship tee, although this may need to be deferred until next winter.

Competitions.

Well its winter and surprisingly there is not too much to report. The annual handicap review is under way and will be completed in the next few days. You should have noticed that the Amory Putter competition has become a boarded event and the winners will be recorded on the board next to the Coronation cup. I would like to take this opportunity to wish the 4 captains an enjoyable and rewarding year.

Golf Courses To Visit (7)

This month it's a longer trip to the East and **The Wiltshire Golf & Country Club** near Wootton Bassett. Fairly new, this venue is seen by the owner (Eddie Shar) as a family resort. But don't let that put you off! There is accommodation, a state of the art fitness centre, crèche, beauty salon, and most importantly a great golf course with an excellent clubhouse crammed with both golfing and motor sport memorabilia.

On the course you will find every challenge you

need! Plenty of well placed bunkers, trees (most of which are young), and of course water. Whilst not over long it is very varied and would be enjoyable to all handicaps.

The greens are particularly interesting, being quite small but undulating, smooth, true and very fast! Don't be surprised at the odd 3 putt (or 4) but you will find it fun.

A short par 4 hole of note is the 7th. At 316 yds off the white it's dead straight into a raised green. How-

ever to the right is out of bounds, to the left is a lake and just to add some interest a bunker in the middle of the fairway around the 240 yds mark! Sort that one out!

Total yardage is 6519 yds (White) 6079 yds (Yellow) par 72 SSS 71 and 5550 yds par 73 for the Ladies.

Whilst some will think it a long way to go for a round of golf the journey is worth the effort and you could always take advantage of the accommodation on site!

