



TIVERTON GOLF CLUB

Committee Discussions.

Captain.

Please see posters in the clubhouse for **The Captain and Pro Challenge**. This is open to **all** members across all sections of the club. Please see David Curl in the pro shop who will be arranging the fixtures. It is hoped to play some at the weekends and others late afternoon and early evening. There will be a prize at the end of the year for the largest margin of victory over the Captain and Pro. The entry fee is a donation to the Captains charity.

I am also pleased to announce that we have been fortunate enough to secure a wonderful sponsorship from the **Royal Air Force** for the **junior section**. The sum of money already received will allow the purchase of a trophy and a prize voucher for the recipient to be spent in the pro shop. The **RAF** will then provide additional funds each year for the winning

golfer. The exact format for deciding the winner is currently being discussed but is likely to be in recognition of achievement over the season as opposed to a specific competition winner. Further details will follow once a decision has been made.

Stop Press.

David Curl wins Devon Alliance meeting at Yelverton Golf Club with 37 points. Well done

GREENS.

Whilst working on the Greens development plan it has become apparent that we need in future to be more realistic about our expectations of the greens staff and how much reconstruction work can take place whilst still presenting the best playing conditions possible on the course. There will need to be more flexibility in our approach to time scales to allow for both weather

and growing conditions.

Competitions.

The 5 year development plan has now been completed and agreed by the committee prior to submission to the general committee for ratification. At the last committee meeting it was agreed that the hole in one would be limited to a maximum of £200 and there would be two pots. Any excess which at the moment stands at approximately £30-£40 on the weekend pot would be used as a float to round up or down to an round number divisible by the number of golfers achieving a two until a pot of £200 was won then the excesses would be used to build up the next £200 pot. This year the winner of the Johnstone Cup will be entered into the Volkswagen Masters a national/ international event sponsored by VW for which there is no entry fee from entrants or club.

Golf Courses To Visit (8)

Just over an hour away is probably the best golfing experience available to the South West Golfer. It can be found just outside Cardiff and is known as **The CELTIC Manor Resort**. Boasting a 5* hotel, magnificent practice facilities and two championship courses there is everything to test your skills and more. The Longest course is known as **Wentwood Hills** and is both very long and very challenging but very enjoyable (**ask Colin Taylor he had a hole in one here!**) Of the two the easier test for most is un-

doubtedly **The Roman Road** course which will host the **2005 Wales Open Championship**.

At 6030 yds off the yellow or 6462 Yds off the white, (par 70) it is plenty long enough and a very strong challenge for most golfers. Presentation of the course and all hazards can only be described as immaculate but it can get a little wet under foot!. The magnificent greens are of all shapes, sizes and slopes and present quite a test given their pure and fast pace. It is still however playable by all handicaps

if some thought is given to course management as opposed to smash and hope! There's not much water on the course, in fact it's saved until the 16th & 17th, a par 4 and par 3. The 17th is a great hole, only 142 yds long but across water and with a lake to the left onto a heavily sloped green. Fabulous!

Work is in hand to prepare the course for the Open in 2005 with plenty of re-building works to the bunkers and the replacement of some 1500 tons of bunker sand! **Give it a try.**

