



Tiverton Golf Club Newsletter

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Captain

Flaming June (we hope) is here!

The golf news for May brought mixed results. John Hanson and Steve Garland continue on their merry way in the Daily Mail Foursomes but the representatives of Tiverton Golf Club in the Devon Scratch Foursomes succumbed to Crediton 2 & 1. Palairot squad names are on the notice board. The players selected were chosen by myself and Tony Allsopp and I wish them all the very best at Teign Valley on June 6th. But I would like to stress that many members who were not chosen are still in our thoughts.

My Captain's Charity Day on June 19th is now approaching. There will be a hog roast in the evening with some entertainment. An on-going BBQ will be provided during the day by Andy Lovell. The competition sheet is filling rapidly but can be extended if necessary. There will be a separate competition in the late afternoon for non-CONGU handicap juniors and a chipping and putting competition during the day. Tickets are now on sale from the bar or office at a cost of £5 for adults, £2.50 for children under 16 and £12 for a family ticket. There will also be a prize-giving for the club competitions already played. Please purchase tickets for the 19th and help me raise loads of money for my charity of the year - The Devon Air Ambulance Trust, a very worthwhile organisation.

Colin Carey, Captain

Chairman

It was a privilege and honour to represent the club, with Richard Jessop, at the Golf Foundation Annual Awards Ceremony at Wentworth Golf Club. TGC won the Gus Payne Award which is presented to the club that raises the most amount of money to support the Golf Foundation's activities and initiatives. It was presented by Bernard Gallacher, former Ryder Cup Captain and a Vice-President of the Foundation. TGC followed in the footsteps of many great clubs, last year's winners of the award being the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews. The trophy is now on display in the clubhouse and I hope that all of you will feel a sense of pride when you see it in the realisation that we won it through your generosity. Well done, let's see if we can retain it next year!

Roger Tucker, Chairman

Ladies

The Devon County Ladies' Golf Championships were held at Teignmouth in May and Jess Bradley, a semi-finalist, not only broke the course record with her second round but also won the scratch gold medal and best under 18's scratch prize. Jess will be in action again at the inter-counties match week at Saltford on June 7-11. Congratulations to Abbi Moyes who has also been selected for the Devon County team as a non-travelling reserve. Jo Lloyd Davies and Carolyn Maynard won their first round match of the Doris Wills Little against The Warren at East Devon and the Daily Mail pairing of Sue Norris and Annette Cardwell had another win, this time at Crediton, so well done to both pairs and good luck in the next round. The 36-hole Silver and Bronze cups, played on two days, produced some very good scores with the competition scratch dropping to 73 on both days. Jo Lloyd-Davies won the Silver Cup and Linda Knowles the Bronze, well done to you both.

Ladies' Invitation Day is on June 23rd so please invite a friend to this very enjoyable day. It would be great to have a full start sheet and details can be found on the notice board.

Sue Probetts, Ladies' Captain

Greens

It is with regret that I have tended my resignation as a member of the Tiverton Golf Club's general committee. There are several contributing factors that have led to my ultimate decision, but I will not dwell on these. I have enjoyed my five and a half years serving members on the general, greens and finance committees, and would like to thank members for their support. I would hope that we have moved the club forward during my tenure and that this will continue. Tiverton Golf Club is a fantastic golf facility. With the generosity of the Amory family, we have exceptionally good value membership on a beautiful piece of land. Unfortunately, the soil structure does not always lend itself to perfect underfoot conditions. However, when conditions are good there is no better place to play golf. Course conditioning is a point of conversation around most clubhouses around the country and ours is no exception. In recent times our course has

not always been presented to the standard we would expect. Therefore, we have taken positive action and employed the services of an independent expert to advise us on how to take the course to the next level. Despite what some members may think, Steve and his team work very hard and do take pride in their work. They are good people with a huge wealth of experience to draw on and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with them. With some help, guidance and support they will now be able to work smarter and carry out the improvements our member's are looking for. I am sure that the remaining members of the Greens Committee will help facilitate the changes and recommendations made by our consultant and I wish them well with this task.

I would ask members to lend their support to this process and the people involved in it for the good of the whole club. I will not retire into the background and will help out whenever I can on club matters.

Andy Pryce

Veterans

I regret to report that David Mallock is standing down as vice-captain. He has been ill and in hospital and feels that he will not be fit to carry the responsibilities for some time. I am sure all members will join me in thanking David for the work he put in earlier in the year and wish him a speedy and full recovery from his illness.

Veterans' match results are running about average for the time of year. Away games have seen us win two, halve two and lose three. At home we've won three, lost two and halved one. There have been two veteran's competitions since the last report. The May stableford results were John Woods (40pts) Ron Derrett (39pts) and David Grieve (38pts).

The Frank Edwards Cup was won by Paul Sellers (40+12pts) on countback, putting seven-times winner Noel Thomas (33+19pts) into second place. The normal stableford section of this competition was won by David Holland (41pts) with Colin Anderson (40pts) second and Bob Clayden (39pts) third.

The veterans' open competition is on June 8th. A good number of volunteers have come forward to assist in the running of this event but a few more will give us full coverage. If you can help to make the day a success, please give your names to Peter Stuckey or David Hazlewood.

Gerry Franklin, Veteran's Captain