



Minehead and West Somerset Golf Club Newsletter



Newsletter 45 for May 2018



Mark Swallow, Club Chairman

You will have noticed on the Club's Noticeboard a list of vacant positions on the Management Committee that will need filling at the forthcoming AGM. I intend to stand for the remaining year that the Chairman's post has left to run to add some continuity to the MC but won't be offended if other Members wish to oppose me, hopefully we will have a number of volunteers putting themselves forward to assist the MC and just the overall running of the Club but I'm not going to hold my breath too long on that!

I think you will all agree that the Course is in magnificent condition. We have had many positive comments from visitors and the moans from members seem to have subsided which is good. Everyone should go out of their way to thank Robert, Adam and Sean for their hard work on keeping the Course looking and playing so well.

The bar and kitchen are starting to generate additional income for the Club; the recent Real Ale and Cider night was a success but it would have been nice to have seen more members there supporting Steve and his team

and ultimately the Club's coffers. We are trying to get an active social side of the Club going so please support your Club.



Doug Hayhoe, Club Captain

Just a short message this month from me to say thanks to members for their messages and good wishes etc. following my recent operation; all going slowly but surely.



Linda Trump, Ladies' Captain

Fortunately the weather has been kind to us for our interclub matches and for most of our home competitions. Our 4BBB Open, at the beginning of May, went well with a good field of away players. Generous prizes saw mixed or visiting teams winning 1st, 2nd and 3rd with two home teams picking up 4th and 5th. Many thanks to all the ladies who helped before and on the day, to Doug Heyhoe and Paul Rees for long stints on the registration and scoring table and of course, not forgetting, Rob and his

team for getting the course ready and looking really good. Many compliments were received on the state of the course and for the refreshments in the clubhouse.

Our first two individual match play interclub matches have resulted in excellent wins. An IC League at home against Orchardliegh resulted in a 5 matches to 2 win. Another great result came away at Burnham and Berrow, in the Wessex competition, also with a 5 to 2 win.

Kay Lockett is this year's Captain of the Somerset Senior Ladies Golf Association, and it is super to see so many ladies from Minehead playing in the county matches, representing Somerset against other counties across the whole of the region.

We are all looking forward to a busy golfing June with all kinds of club and interclub competitions now in full swing.

**Neil Powles
Seniors' Captain**

It is a pleasure to start our section report with the highest praise for Robert and his team for the high quality of our course at Minehead, especially the greens, not only from the seniors, but from recent high-profile opponents Saunton and Burnham & Berrow. Well done lads. You certainly have given us a great product to market.

Since our last report we have halted our run of defeats; well for two matches

(when I was away) with a thumping win at home against Vivary, a hard fought draw against Saunton and unfortunately a big defeat at home to B & B., our only winners being Sandy Lyons and Bill Hogg. Problem is your Captain has not won a game yet - played 6 lost six!!.

On the domestic front, Mark Ruttley won the Dixiey Bogey with a +4 & Martin Edkins won the monthly Stableford with 43 points. In between we have been contesting the Marshalls Cup, best three scores from five, to date Mark Ruttley has a sizeable lead already.

June will be a quiet month match-wise, with only two home games due to other clubs having commitments this year, which will give us a chance to catch up on internal competitions.

Good Golfing



**Eddy Gosling
The Warreners**

It's been a busy month for the Warreners as we have had 3 matches and our first qualifier competition. We have been touring the ends of Somerset playing our first game away at Worlebury going down 5 -1, our winning pair being Pete Scott and Mike Bowater. We then hosted North Devon Police which is always a tough match but they couldn't cope with their heavy



Minehead and West Somerset Golf Club Newsletter

drinking at "The Welly," plus drinks in the club house then the game; they went down 4 -1, but nice to know their minibus took them all home safely. Our 3rd match was away at Exeter Golf and Country Club against "The Colonials" a very favoured venue as it's like playing golf as seen on the TV, lush fairways, true greens and tons of trees with the rough manicured to 30mm, a real joy to play as a total contrast to our home course.

We played the Tony Ridler Trophy on Wednesday 30th: a long-established competition going back to 1990 with past winners such as F Bohum, E Hartley, R Whymark to name just a few. This year's winner is John A'Court with 34 points taking the trophy from Pete Murphy last year's winner. (Some of you may have seen that Pete Murphy scored 70 stableford points in this competition, the Tony Ridler Trophy, and had his handicap cut from 17 to 8.9; shame he doesn't know how to enter his card into the machine.... Well done Pete.)



**Jayne Fulwell,
Premises**

Please can members be aware that we have had a spate of petty thefts recently - this, sadly, includes the disappearance of half the coffee cups for the new coffee machine!

Please take care of your personal property and keep an eye open for anyone who is around the clubhouse but is not a member or a legitimate visitor.



**Bar & Catering
Steve Archer**

June will be a busy month in the clubhoused with a number of club matches and society bookings in the diary. We also have a private function booked in the dining room on Wednesday 27th June and a wedding on Saturday 30th June. There will be a marquee on the putting green from 27th June – 2nd July. The top bar will be open on Saturday 27th June serving sandwiches, crisps and can/bottle products. Due to the low usage of the upstairs bar and quality of the cellar outside we are still unable to provide draught products. Throughout June we will be promoting Sunday Lunch: £8.95 1 course and coffee, or £10 for 2 courses and coffee. Booking advisable.

***To all Members from the
team and staff***