



Newsletter 46 for July 2018



**Mark Swallow,
Club Chairman**

Firstly, I would like to thank the 27 members that made the effort to attend the recent Annual General Meeting! We just about managed to get the 25 members required by the Club's rules through coercing 3 members to stay behind after an Avalon League match. With just over 500 members it's a shame that 95% of you are not willing to get involved with the affairs of the Club.

At the AGM two positions on the Management Committee remain vacant: Premises and Bar/Catering; perhaps the thought of being volunteered to do something prevented you from attending? The Management Committee is currently running with six members; this is the minimum level to be considered a quorum under the Club rules so there will be times over the next year where decisions cannot be made.

Whilst I realise we all must pay a substantial fee to be a member of this Club it disappoints me that so many of you do not want to get involved, either through volunteering to sit on the Committee, offering to help with any work that is required or supporting Club functions. Perhaps if one of the six of us that are willing to put our time and effort into the running of the Club took the same attitude over the coming months then the Club will cease to function.



**Doug Hayhoe,
Club Captain**

Firstly, may I thank all the participants from the different sections playing and HOPEFULLY enjoying my recent Captain's Day.

Congratulations to Sue Prentice - winning the ladies first prize and to new member Brian Young for winning the Captain's Cup. The day would not have taken place without all the behind the scene helpers! Listed in no order of preference! - Kitchen/ bar staff, Office, pro shop, Claire (Boss), Val Bowden, Peter FB2, Gareth (Gopher), Sue, Paul and Corinne Rees, Claire (wife), Luke and Lucy. Sorry did I mention Claire (she has had a lot to put up with in the last few weeks, more than normal!), cake makers and not forgetting Ashley's disco. Thanks also to David Lethaby from G.T.H Chanin and Thomas, our partial sponsors for the day.

We have played a club match at Enmore, led by past captain Philip Bowden - not only did he manage to lose, but he managed to lose the match result sheet!

I was non-playing captain versus Tiverton, and we managed a win (very rare result away to the very sociable Tivvy Team).

A difference of 15 litres of masonry paint, wall cupboards, work top donated and fitted by carpenter extraordinaire Paul Rees, grateful and many thanks for his assistance. I just wish we did not drop the worktop on my foot! (photo attached).

Dates for diary: club match home to Burnham and Berrow Sunday 19th August, get your name in for availability.

Arnold Palmer: hopefully members + guest Sunday 26th August, sign-up sheet in foyer.





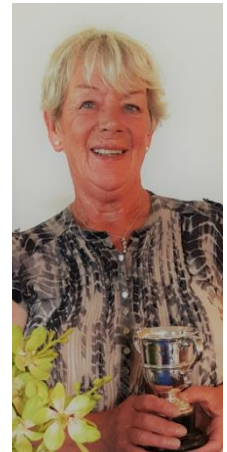
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**Linda Trump,
Ladies' Captain**

Once again, two busy golfing months with various league and friendly matches as well as our club competitions since my last report. We have had mixed results with a clean sweep of wins at home and hard-fought away matches but not quite managing a win (yet!). With a Ladies section which is relatively small it is really good that our ladies' teams are always oversubscribed with a supportive group of ladies always willing to turn out for the team both home and away. Our ladies Club Championship is traditionally held over two rounds played on the same day. We were lucky, in this heat wave, that the weather was fine but not too hot to cause any cases of heat stroke! We had a super day and 12 ladies played the two rounds. Probably the only time any of us attempt this test of stamina and golf skills. Sarah Warren came out on top with a gross score (combined 36 holes) of 175. Well done to Sarah for becoming our new club champion.

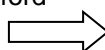
Thursday 26th July was Lady Captain's Day. All the ladies seemed to enjoy the format and there was lots of great golf with some fun twists. My thanks for making the day so successful go to so many people. Rob and his team for all the on-course equipment and the gazebo, Doug Hayhoe and helpers for sterling work getting the half-way house looking decent, Phil and Faye in the office, John and Jordon for their support and especially Jordon's demon putting course. Steve, Ashley and Emma, with their helpers, making the dinner a very tasty and enjoyable event. Even the gentlemen members, who were inconvenienced with tee times, took it all in good spirit. I was so impressed that every part of the club supported the organisation of the day and made it such a success. Of course, many thanks to Derek my husband for his help in running the half-way house. Last but not least, many thanks go to the ladies who helped, supported, sent good wishes, played or joined in in some way and made Lady Captain's Day very special for me.



The prize winners from the Lady Captain's Day: Sandra Atkins, Tina Beaver, Sara Warren, Karen Davies, Jennifer James, Pat Lucas, Pat Grinter, Mary Beakes, Gill Hurley, and overall winner Beverley Flanagan with a fantastic 45 stableford points.



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Neil Powles
Seniors' Captain

June & July have been hectic months with matches and internal competitions.

My last update for the Senior Section started off with our appreciation of the course provided by Rob & his team, having played at other courses over the last couple of

months we can safely say that still stands out by a mile; our greens are a delight, even through the tough weather conditions a great job has been achieved by the lads.

This time what a turn round from Ashley, Emma & team in our catering section, with our catering arrangements this year at home matches following a different format to other years to help speed up proceedings. Visiting clubs have favourably commented on the menu & food provided, to the point of taking photographs of the spreads to show their chefs and club officials. Well done.

Match results continue to be disappointing result-wise, but offset by the team spirit and cementing friendships with other clubs. Our last five matches for June/July have seen us win against Cricket St. Thomas and defeats from Tiverton, Oake, Worlebury and Royal North Devon unfortunately by 7-0 ouch! August due to other clubs holding opens etc., this year has meant we have five matches during the month, hopefully we can reverse results.

On the internal competitions front for June: John Austin, Martin Edkins & Tim Evans won the monthly Texas Scramble; John Austin, Andy Dahl & Graham Stone won the Bowmaker. The June Medal was won by Malcolm Bruce. Neville Parsons took the monthly Stableford, with the Greensome being won by Martin Edkins & David Lake. July competitions saw wins for Derek Marshman, Andy Dahl & Tim Tennant and for the Reverse Bowmaker Dermot Hurley, Dave Williams & Neil Powles. The Bowmaker (Medal out & Stableford back) was won by Dermot Hurley; Neville Parsons – Bogey.

Recent Trophy Winners were Stewards Cup – Sandy Lyons & Neil Powles, Dexter Neville – Sandy Lyons, Bryant Cup – Mark Ruttley, and Bryant Tankard – Dermot Hurley.

The shoe cleaning machine is now installed by the Pro Shop and should be a very useful piece of equipment come the damp days. Our thanks to the Warreners for helping us purchase it and Bill Hogg for making it all possible with a lot of negotiations and running about.

I am sure you will all wish Cliff Day, a stalwart of the Seniors, a speedy recovery after his major operation recently.



Denis Compton
Course Manager

The dry course will see the smoking ban continue to be in place until further notice. The work around the 10th green continues, the fencing will run along the course boundary up to the second turret to protect the new paths that have been put in place. Please can you now when playing the 10th take your bags and trollies up to the coastal side of the tee and walk on the path when playing the 11th.

I have followed up with Somerset County Council and have been informed that there appeared to be some confusion over a previous submission and the current submission to sign off planning conditions for the current planning permission that we have in place. This has now, finally, been cleared up and we hope to have the validation soon. This is where the continuity of such work has been key. The dry weather, and the fact that the tees were not treated this year as the fairways have been, have resulted in too many weeds and parched areas. Work will be carried out in due course when 'normal' conditions are suitable. Some of the proposed land fill for tee repairs and construction will make work obsolete anyway, so the green staff and I ask for a little patience as the bigger picture unfolds. Please adhere to the course signage, it's there for a reason.



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Steve Archer Bar & Catering



You may have read in my annual report for the AGM that we as a Club want to see events supported more by the Membership and those outside of the Club. This again has become a challenge with only 34 people in attendance for the Cross Country BBQ & Live Music back in mid July.

We have the following promotions and events happening in August.

Sunday Lunch £10 per head 2 Courses and Coffee throughout August 2018

Friday 17th August 2018

Real Ale Festival, BBQ and Live Music

9 hole competition from 3pm £6 Entry Includes Burger or Hot Dog from BBQ including Chefs Salad
Only £2.50 a Pint on selected draught products, Wines £10 a Bottle, Wicked Wolf Gin and Tonic £3.95

Saturday 18th August 2018

Spinal Injury Association Charity Golf Day

This event is under-subscribed and is most likely down to Entrants not wanting to pay the £25 entry fee.

This Competition has now been reduced to £10 per person entry for Members and £15 per person Non Members and includes complimentary bacon roll and coffee on arrival.

The format is team of 4 stableford competition 3 scores to count, Full HCP, Nearest to pin on the par 3s.

Sign up on the notice board located in the spike entrance and pay at the bar.



Eddy Gosling The Warreners

The Warreners continue to use the good weather, hot sunshine and fast greens to benefit their personal game. I have been informed that some of us have had drives of over 150 yards off the tee due to the extra run, well done guys! We've played several qualifying competitions so that we can keep an active handicap and have shared the podium spot amongst us. These winners have included John A'Court, Mike Lee and Geoffrey Fewings (pic on left).



Our latest event was the "Presidents Salver" which was won by Donald Pettit (pic on right) with a fine score of 68. This was a sponsored event raising £65 in aid of Prostate Cancer. We have had one match which was the return leg against the Colonials which we won overall to retain the trophy for the third year running.





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Janet Handley
Junior Section

Friday 27th July was the start of what is hoped to be a very busy holiday period for the Juniors. Archie Walsh and Jake Tranter were the only two to take part in the Junior Open, Rhys Hicks having to withdraw due to illness. They played off the white tees Archie winning the day and having his handicap reduced from 14 to 13.

Jake is undeterred and intends to meet Archie again next Friday to play in the Junior Championship, playing two rounds of 18 holes.

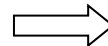


Oliver Groves and Jake Woodward played the nine-hole course. They completed their first cards playing off the blue tees. They were very grateful to two gentlemen who allowed them to play the 15th hole before them. Both boys played some very impressive shots and, more importantly, were undeterred when their shots didn't quite go as planned. Both are now keen to go round again in order to try and match, or maybe even improve, on today's card! 👍
Well done to both boys for their sportsmanlike attitude in supporting each other throughout the round.



Club Competition News

Congratulations to our new Club Champion – Curtis Edwards, winning a thrilling play-off against Warren Knight.



Also, congratulations to junior Archie Walsh for winning the Nett competition, the Tony Ridler Trophy.

