



## Minehead and West Somerset Golf Club Newsletter



### **Paul Fullbrook. The Chairman's Lament for October.**

It is with regret and with an abundance of relief, that I must inform the Membership, that I have resigned my position as Chairman of M.W.S.G.C. The Club Captain & Captain Elect were formally informed in mid-September.

This will come into effect on the 31st December 2015, when I will also be leaving the Club after 18 years as a Member.

There are many issues, both brewing and underlying, that I no longer have the enthusiasm, nor the passion to pursue. I trust that you will all respect my decision, move forward, and look for a suitable replacement, capable of taking the Club forward once again.

In the meantime, I will continue to chair your Management Committee, unless it is decided otherwise by the MC.

This will be my last Newsletter, so all that remains to say is.....  
"Happy Days" The Chairman.



### **Phil Bowden, Club Captain.**

The Arnold Palmer Charity Day took place on Sunday 30th August. After once again a very exhausting day the overall winners on the day were Dougie Hayhoe and Peter Bowden with 46 points. Other winners on the day were Paula Parkin and Carole Mason (Best Ladies), John Bickerton and Steve Ingram (member plus guest), and Paul Rees and Aaron Flamson (member playing with a guest with an inactive handicap). Congratulations to all those who won something on the day.

The first Tuesday Swindle of September saw 54 members playing, and the winners of the day with a score of 89 points were Dave Singleton, Gary Green and Colin Corlett. Plonkers of the day with 67 points were Derek Stevens, Barry Jackson and fresh from winning the Arnold Palmer Dougie Hayhoe.

The swindle played on the 8th September was won with a score

of 96 points (10 under par) by Tony Bowden, Graham Wells and John Griffin. The team with the least number of points on the day were Paul Truscott, Jack McClay and Mike Shortland with 67 points.

The following weekend the club took part in the annual MET Shield with the "A" team at Minehead and the "B" team at Enmore, but unfortunately we were unable to send a Junior team to Tiverton. The "A" team were excellent and won the "A" team shield, the "B" team put in a very good performance at Enmore with 6 members not having played in the competition before and managed 2nd place, but as I mentioned without a Junior side we were unable to win the shield which went to Tiverton as their Juniors scored 49 points.

On the Sunday it was the final of the Skylark Trophy, (a mixed competition), which this year was won by the men's captain and the ladies captain. The trophy was given to the club in memory of the late Audrey Wilson and for the

sixth year running her daughter Ros travelled over 4,000 miles from her home in Mexico to present the trophy on the night. Ros is already looking forward to returning again next year and with a bit of luck maybe play in the competition as well.

For the 3rd swindle of September 36 members played and the best score of the day was achieved by Marc Johnson, Pete Scott and Jeff Bird who beat Chris Kirkbride, John Griffin and Phil Arbourne on countback with 81 points. Plonkers this time were Paul Handisyde, Dave Eborall and Ray Milton with 61 points.

On the 20th September the club team travelled to Taunton and Pickeridge for our annual match, but after a very enjoyable day we eventually lost by 3 games to 2, although 3 games were decided on the 18th.

The 4th swindle of the month had 37 members playing, and top team were Mark Vickers, Francis Hewson and Jamie Anderson with 76 points. The team at the bottom this time were Alan Bissell, Chris



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Bingham and Graham Wells with 59 points.

The last Friday of the month saw the Seniors travel to Tiverton for the annual Seniors MET Shield match where we came 3rd, but I expect the Seniors Captain may say more on this game.

On the Saturday we were the hosts for the Past Captains MET Shield, and this time we came out on top. With the best 6 stableford points to count from each team the scores were Enmore 209 points, Tiverton 219 points and Minehead 229 points. Best score for Minehead was David Norman with 40 points. Looking forward to defending the trophy next year at Tiverton.

Following this the club played away to Wells Stragglers on the Sunday. In a very close match the hosts won by 3½ to 2½. Meaning the aggregate scores for the two matches this year were a draw.

Final swindle of the month saw 48 members playing, and with 88 points, the best team of the day consisted of Adrian Langdon, Jared Greig and the Captain.

Plonkers of the day, with 59 points were Vince Wheeler, Brian Lewis and Brian Levey.



### **Kay Luckett, Lady Captain.**

The Ladies section has had a very busy month again with

Wessex and Interleague matches to play, the Wessex match at Enmore was played in lovely weather conditions unfortunately the result was a 5 to 2 win for Enmore. Five clubs play for the Wessex trophy and this year three clubs tied with 34pts Minehead being one of the three, the club with the most points obtained playing away from home was declared the winner this was Yeovil, well done ladies for coming so close to winning it this year. We entertained Wells in our final Interleague match of the season the result being a halved match 3.5 to 3.5.

Four of our ladies, Lesley Davis, Ros Chidgey, Mary Beakes & Sandra Atkins went to Isle of Wedmore & played in their Open

4 Ball Team event & ran out the winners with 87pts very well done to you all.

An enjoyable mixed match was played with the Seniors, tee times were a bit confusing but once we all got started a good day was had by all followed by a very good carvery provided by Bev and staff, the winners were Jenny Holland & Robin Hill with 39pts.

Thursday 24th September we held our Macmillan Coffee Morning and raised the magnificent sum of £252.50 thank you to everyone for their support. Our Open Bowmaker was held last Thursday, teams of three with two scores medal to count, the results are as follows, 1st Louise Worth, Rosie Spragg (T&P) Jayne Fulwell(M) 140pts 2nd Julia Holroyd, Kym Francis Hill(M) Judy Hancock(Enmore)143 pts on the back nine from 3rd Paula Parkin(M) Carol Mason-Ely Walmsley (Holdsworthy) 143pts. 4th Ginnette Bowyer, Jenny Holland(M) Jill Paul(T&P) 146pts Visitors Prize-Sheila Grant,

Jeanette Jones & Jenny Musgrove (Oake Manor) 146pts.

Twos

Jeanette Jones-Oake Manor-14th  
Carol Mason-Holsworthy-4th

It must be said many of our visitors said how well the course played and how good our Greens were. A special thanks to John McGuire and Wendy Barker for doing the cards and making sure the results were correct and last but not least to Lyn for manning the raffle table. Also thanks go to Derek Trump and Liz Bevan who were the starters.

Some of us are off to Lansdown tomorrow to play in the Fowler Lock Foursomes think we may well need our brollies!

Happy golfing



### **Stephen Kaye, Seniors Captain**

In September The Minehead Seniors started the month with a time honoured tradition of playing a past Captains game. It was a great pleasure to take part in this game and stand where



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giants of the Seniors had stood before.

We also played a mixed better ball Competition with the Ladies. Kay and I decided that rather than the traditional Match, Seniors Vs Ladies, we would combine, for reason of team building within the club, and play a mixed game. I have to say it was a great success. Everyone said they really enjoyed the game. I was paired with a lovely Lady, Marjorie, who smiled all the way round, regardless of some of my errant shots. I hope that this successful format will be continued in future.

Interclub matches during the month were with, Enmore, lost 7 to 1, Long Sutton Lost 5 to 1. Libbaton 5 & 1 and finally, even though 12 of our Seniors were away enjoying sunny weather at Ashbury, the last match of the season was with Willingcott where we **won** 3.5 to 2.5.

Each year the Seniors play a Seniors MET Shield. This year the hosts were Tiverton. The team had a nice day out and I was fortunate to have our Club

Captain as my partner. There was some extraordinary scores recorded with one team, from Tiverton, scoring 50 points (two man better ball) with a blob on one hole! Unfortunately our team performance did not match that standard. We look forward to being the hosts next year at Minehead where we hope to improve our performance.

Finally I cannot submit this text as the Seniors Captain and newsletter editor without saying a few words about the Chairman's resignation. It seems that those who volunteer or who take the lead as Captains become the target for criticism and sometimes even vitriol and vindictive talk. All who volunteer or take the lead do their best for the club and don't expect praise or thanks. But it appears that this is not enough for some. I am very sad that Paul has decided that enough is enough and I can personally sympathise with his decision. I wish Paul all the best for the future.

Please think about your comments and support for the

club it's our club after all and it is what **we** make it.



**Graham Wright –The Warreners** On 2nd September the Warreners should

have played a match against the Minehead Seniors but due to a heavy fixture list, the Seniors had to cancel (maybe they are finding the strain). We do hope to re schedule the fixture though.

On 9th September we entertained the Royal Naval Air Station, Yeovilton at Minehead and narrowly lost by one point. The RNAS team changes almost year to year due to postings but there are a few faces that we see regularly at our fixtures. As you would expect the Navy team consists of golfers from all over the country and we will often come up against some very good low handicap members. On the other hand we are just as likely to come across a 28 handicap society golfer who has the best round of his life. (That's golf).

On the 16th September a match was scheduled against Brean at Minehead but Brean cancelled due to a horrendous weather forecast. As it turned out a few of us Warreners played at Minehead and had a completely dry day. However, in fairness it apparently rained all day at Brean.

The Warreners played at Willingcott Valley on 23rd September. There were teams of ten and the Warreners lost 4 -1 with most of the Warreners losing plenty of balls. If you miss the fairway there is not much chance of finding your ball at Willingcott. The Golf Course and holiday complex at Willingcott has been sold recently. Allegedly the buyers are a couple of young millionaires who visit the course by helicopter. Hopefully they will invest some money so that the rough is a bit less and the ageing buggies replaced.

Best wishes to all.



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### **The Course, Graham J Wells**

We have resolved the issue of the volume of landfill we may bring onto the course under the terms of our current approval but have been unable to coordinate the availability of contractor manpower and machinery with the availability of further landfill for delivery! Until this is sorted out we are frustratingly unable to let you all know when we will begin work to raise and extend the 5th tee!

Work has been ongoing in removing sand from alongside the 18th for use in completing the practice greens but this is a slow and labour intensive process. Meanwhile we have announced that relief is available from tractor ruts caused by this work and in removing reeds from banks along ditches on the course.

We have arranged for a father and son experienced in rabbit control to both shoot and ferret (using nets) on the course. Shooting will

take place in the evenings and at night. Ferreting will take place during the day and arrangements will be made to ensure that this causes minimal interference to members and visitors during play.

Further work on greens will occur during October and we continue to ask for your patience on this as from time to

time it will mean that greens surfaces may not be at their best for a few days. The longer term benefits will eventually become apparent!

Please note that with effect from the start of the Buchanan Cup winter rules will apply until further notice.

Finally we will be organizing working parties of members to repair divots on fairways in the second half of October. When we announce the timetable for this



anyone who is able to help would be most appreciated for which a free drink from the bar will be provided afterwards.



### **Graham Walsh - Bars and Social**

The next club night will be on Friday 30th October, live music by new local group PHOENIX headed by our own Dean Bradwell late of Chill. They will be playing anything

from rock to party and some slow ballads ending with disco sounds. Food for the night will be a help yourself Indian Buffet with a Halloween theme.

Price to be announced.



### **Jayne Fulwell & the Juniors Captain Jordan Arnold.**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> October a special Juniors one day coaching session will be held by Jordan. This will include two different 45 minute sessions with lunch included. The cost will be only £5 including the lunch!

Sessions will start at 10:30 and finish at about 12:30. A great way to organise an activity for your children/grand children during half term.

Booking is essential as places are limited. So book it now!

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